

# News Notes from the Field

## On the Pacific Coast

KIRBY and Alma Page returned on July 22 to their hill-top home near La Habra, Calif., after 16 weeks of travel through 19 states covering 17,000 miles by car. Kirby had engagements in 75 different communities during the trip and spoke three times daily on the average for six days a week. He says of the experience: "We were thrilled by the vitality of the Christian pacifist movement. Most well-seasoned religious objectors to war as a method have withstood the storm of fear and hysteria, while many other individuals have been impelled by the gravity of the crisis to make articulate their resolute determination not to approve or participate in war. In numbers and in robust vitality the religious movement against war has never been so encouraging, although it embraces only a small fraction of the total population. . . . Truly we are a part of a noble company of men and women scattered throughout thousands of communities across the continent and in other lands." Seventy-five F.O.R. ministers and their wives gathered at the Page home in July for a full day of discussion and fellowship. Much inspiration came from the meeting; it is hoped that Fellowship ministers everywhere will arrange for similar retreats.

THE SEATTLE CHAPTER, led by its chairman, Prof. Burt Farquharson, has mobilized all its forces for peace action on the legislative front. They believe in telling it to the men who count—those on Capitol Hill. The group has been largely responsible for securing the services of Floyd W. Schmoe to organize pacifist work and recruit new members in the Pacific northwest during the summer.

THE FRIENDS-METHODIST WORK CAMP, directed by John Way, was located for two months this summer in the hot San Joaquin valley at Delano, Calif. Twenty campers, several of them from Eastern states and one from Switzerland enjoyed a splendid fellowship of cooperative endeavor on behalf of the economically and socially disinherited.

THE CAMP-AT-HOME SERVICE PROJECT, conducted four camps for children of semi-migrant families during the summer months. George Burcham, who set up and directed the camps, has pioneered a very difficult field and his marked success with the project holds much promise for future reconstruction work—perhaps on a full-time basis.

THE SECRETARY was happy to find a renewed spirit of devotion and service among our many members in Oregon and Washington. The Salem group has reorganized, with Joseph R. Silver as chairman.

CONFERENCE ON THE C.O. Dealing with the questions of the power, the

principle and the practice of the Christian C.O., a conference was held in Pasadena during the middle of August. It drew pacifists from all over southern California. The leaders were Howard and Anna Brinton, able directors of Pendle Hill, who were filling engagements before Friends' groups on the Coast. A registration of all male C.O.'s of military age was conducted by the convenors of the conference, The Pacific Friends Service Council and the Pacific Coast F.O.R. committee. Male C.O.'s are urged to obtain registration forms from the Pasadena office and to prepare a statement setting forth their pacifist convictions.

RALPH AND LOUISE GALT met with several Fellowship groups in the Los Angeles area before sailing July 31 for north China to become F.O.R. "white-corpuscule" missionaries. . . .

EVERETT ROBISON, a beloved leader of the Muriel Lester Group died early in the summer. In addition to his professional work of teaching he had helped promote cooperatives, labor organizations, the welfare of migrants, political justice, inter-racial brotherhood and world peace so effectively that his friends think of the Fellowship of Reconciliation when they think of him.

HAROLD STONE HULL.

## 8,000 Miles for the Fellowship

Despite other stimulating trips the past winter, this summer's itinerary covering 8,000 miles through 17 states provided a supreme opportunity to hear the heartbeat of American pacifism under crisis conditions.

The initial engagement came at Estes Park Student Christian conference June 7-17. A. J. Muste was the featured speaker of this conclave which was attended by key students from the entire Rocky Mountain Region; his lectures provided a dynamic spiritual core for the other commissions. It was my privilege to lead a seminar on the theory and practice of non-violence, one of the most widely attended. Other F.O.R. members who led commissions included Herbert Seamans, New York; Elizabeth Fackt, Denver; Ted Paullin and Joseph King, Lawrence, Kansas; Dan Williams, Omaha.

The next stop was the Kansas Institute of International Relations, Newton, Kansas, headed by E. L. Harshbarger, a member of our national council. Muriel Lester and Anne Seesholtz were among the F.O.R. leaders, and I presented the program of the Fellowship to the Religious pacifist study group of the Institute. There was a large F.O.R. banquet arranged by the now famous high school peace team of Newton.

On June 22, Barbara and I arrived in Chicago for a pre-fall conference with the Mid-West committee of the Fellowship. The next day, Sunday, I preached in St. Paul's Methodist Church. In the evening Alva Tompkins invited us to conduct the young people's service at Olivet Institute.

From Chicago we went to Granville, Ohio, to attend the training institute of the Quaker Student Peace Service. Here 150 outstanding American college students were receiving superb preparation for the unusually difficult task of doing community peace education in a country preparing for war.

Starting the largest single responsibility of our summer schedule, we arrived in Penn-Craft July 3, the first of a series of eight Quaker work camps. The other camps visited included Scotts Run, W. Va., Macedonia, Ga., Soddy, Tenn., Delta Cooperative Farm, Miss., Merom, Ind., Chicago and Circle Pines, Mich. These camps are possibly the most profound pacifist experiments in America. They have the two objectives of (1) exploring non-violent solutions to social problems and (2) providing avenues of voluntary, non-military service to one's country. In every camp there were Fellowship members serving as directors or regular workers, and a number of new members were added to the Fellowship through them.

During the first part of August came an unexpected opportunity to visit the Ashram of the Federal Council in Saugatuck, Mich. It will be hard to forget the moving discussion of war which followed the lecture of J. Holmes Smith.

DON E. SMUCKER.

## Ohio Conference

The recent F.O.R. conference at Bluffton, Ohio, had several outstanding characteristics. It was unprogrammed. The steering committee was open to anybody who cared to attend its daily sessions. The beautiful Mennonite college campus had been so designed as to leave the stretch of woodland between dormitory, eating place, and meeting place, in its natural state. Woodland walks helped to give one a feeling of leisure.

The young kept insisting that they must have ample opportunity both for learning to pray and for practicing what they'd learned. Beginning and ending most sessions with worship and obviously entering into the spirit of the morning prayer was not enough for them. Two extra sessions had to be arranged. One was held at 6:45 in the morning and proved tremendously ideal, nearly everyone contributing some spoken thoughts or experience; the other, under the trees at an hour in the afternoon which later proved to be the time fixed for a baseball game. This session drew nearly all conference members, lasted nearly two hours, and broke up reluctantly.

MURIEL LESTER.

Fellowship

# I Killed Adolf Hitler

A Confession

By J. CARSON PRITCHARD\*

I HAVE made several attempts on the life of Adolf Hitler. I remember the times—most of them—and most of the places. Naturally Hitler denies that I have killed him or tried to kill him. Hitler denies my attempts in the very best possible way; by refusing to die. I remember the first attempt I made on his life. Hitler remembers that time well. We were both younger then. He was a corporal. The Central Powers were making their last great stand. I tried then to take the lives of all the Hitler family—father, mother, cousins, all. I tried to take the life of his leader, the Kaiser. Considering the thoroughness of my plans and attempts they should all have died. They didn't. The last time I made an attempt on his life was a few Sundays ago about 11:15 in the morning. Several Sunday school superintendents had tried earlier in the day but they were as unsuccessful as I. That is; we killed him, but he refused to die.

I murdered him in my heart. I presume that my prayers lacked point; they did not lack fervor. My prayers must have been of such small bore that they were ineffectual in murder. The power behind them probably wasn't strong enough for such long range work; had I been nearer with just the Channel between instead of the whole Atlantic ocean I might have been more successful. My prayers should have found their murderous way into his heart. As it is the murder remains in my heart just as a dud shell remains in the barrel of the gun. Sometimes the dud explodes in the barrel and kills the gunner. I tried murdering him in 1918. I failed then. I have failed again 22 years after. My prayers must be duds.

I'm not confessing murder because I haven't murdered him—yet. No one can find a single dead body. They have to find the body before they can try a man for murder. They couldn't even get me for attempted murder because they wouldn't find an instrument of violence in my hand. This prayer gun is so much like a pop gun. I would just be laughed out of court. Anyway, I'm a pacifist and besides that Hitler is still alive.

I don't murder people in cold blood. I don't seem to be able to murder them in the heat of spirit either. I had this murder in my heart in 1918. I couldn't get it out of the barrel then. I tried to aim that murder at the Germans then. Instead of getting it in their hearts it didn't even get in their hair.

I've even tried to learn German. I thought that our God, being an English speaking god, might not be well enough informed about the real needs of those fine German people who have been cor-

rupted by their leader. I learned a few of the simpler words of German before I gave that up. Now that they have German gods over there I may be able to do them more damage. The Jews will keep Yahweh informed. The English will keep the Anglican god informed. Now if I can draft the German speaking God we may be able to hit them a crushing blow. We should be able to blockade their source of spiritual supply.

I had quite an argument with a man about all this. He is probably a German himself or else in their pay. He was condemning my prayerful warfare on three counts; (1) that I was supposed to be a neutral and should not engage in such attempts until I declared my prayerful war, (2) that I was an avowed pacifist and this murderous hope was incompatible with my pacifism, (3) that Germany had a real score to settle with the British and since England made the rules years ago Germany was playing its own game by its own rules. This man is wrong as you can see. I excuse him on two counts; (1) he is not well informed and, (2) as I said he may be

in the pay of Germany (in their Fifth Column, or is it Sixth?) or else he is a German.

He was a Lutheran and as he had a great regard for Holy Scripture too, I thought I would justify my prayerful warfare by a quotation from Scripture which clears up this whole matter. So I referred him to Matthew 9:4 which says that I should do the works of my Father while it is yet day. Now anyone with the least imagination knows that a German victory would be equivalent to night. The sun would set on the British Empire and all that we hold of value. Too, we know what the will of God is in this case. I turned to that verse for him. I had made a slight error! That verse was John 9:4. Before I could make that little correction he had me read Matthew 9:4. It says, "Wherefore think ye evil in your heart?" I couldn't see any connection whatever between that and needing to get Hitler out of the way of peace. Our argument broke down then into one on Biblical criticism.

But right now, I've got to do something before this murder spreads further over my body. It's like a disease that runs its course and then settles in the extremities of the human body. It was in my heart. It spread to my mind. Now murder may be settling this very minute in my fingers. Then I might have to confess a moral suicide instead of this moral murder!

## Our Refugee Neighbors

ROWING concern of F.O.R. members for the plight of the ever-increasing number of refugees has been apparent in the heavier load of correspondence the committee has carried the past year.

Thirteen affidavits have been made out and sent to Europe to protect and, we trust, eventually to bring to the United States people who are suffering, many of them for conscience sake, in ways most of us are not capable of imagining. Five more affidavits are now in preparation. Loans for steamship passage for five people have been made. A loan of \$200 has helped a group settle here. We have already reported in *Fellowship* the loan of \$1,000 which made possible the reunion of a wife still in Germany with her husband here. A gift of \$100 helped a family on its arrival here. We are establishing a revolving fund to help make more such loans as these. A scholarship has been obtained for a young man from the Czech F.O.R. group.

In the Fellowship there is more and more interest in the immediate practical problem of assimilation in this country, of the "resettlement" of these victims of fascism and war. F.O.R. groups in Watertown and Syracuse, N. Y., and in Asheville, N. C., are among those now working to resettle families.

Again we want to tell our readers of the urgent needs of refugees we know.

Mr. P., a notary public, who is also a typist, bookkeeper, and experienced motorist and mechanic, has been warmly recommended to us by the representatives of the Friends in his city as well as by a refugee for whom one of our members has already signed an affidavit. He has been in prison for a year. An affidavit would release him. He and his wife are both 57 years old. They have no children.

For resettlement we commend to you Mr. and Mrs. E., with whom we have become acquainted in our N. Y. group. He was partner, staff manager and expert in a wholesale firm. He knows English, French and Italian. Active as a pacifist he was also active in an Ethical Culture group and was very much interested in a society founded to help people who wanted to commit suicide. For his pacifism he was sent to a concentration camp. He is 56 years old. He has a slight physical handicap which would prevent his doing heavy physical work. Mrs. E. is of as fine a spirit as he. Both are willing to do whatever they can. She has completed a course in domestic service in N. Y.

Money for steamship passage and small loans can always be used. Send it with your inquiries and suggestions to Marion Frenyear, 242 E. 14th St., New York City.

\* Minister, North Scituate Baptist Church, North Scituate, Rhode Island.

Dear Kirby:

Just a note to tell you that October 1 we are to take the pastorate of the First Congregational Church, San Diego. So we will be near you. Our trip to California this summer was a hectic one, and while I faithfully planned to see you at La Habra, we just didn't make it. Had a good visit with Toothaker at Compton. He is pastor to Lorena's parents. Also visited sketchily with Allan Hunter at Berkeley.

Our Address: First Cong. Church, Sixth Avenue at A Street San Diego.

Cordially,

*Jack W*

Rev.

*O. R. WARFORD*



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, California

September 3, 1940

Dear Ray:

I was glad indeed to get your letter of August 20. After looking again at a copy of THE SWORD OR THE CROSS my judgment is that we had better not try to reprint it now. Sometime soon I hope to write a new pamphlet covering this ground. As soon as possible I will let you see a copy.

I am immensely impressed with the National Volunteer Service plan and am eager to help place the leaflet in the hands of pacifist ministers. Are you planning to send this leaflet to the members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation? This is by far the best list available. Many of the pacifist ministers on my list are members of the P.O.R. I have just requested A.J. to send me a revised list of P.O.R. members and could have my list checked against this to avoid duplication.

If you think it would be worth while I would be glad to send a mimeographed letter with the leaflet to my pacifist friends. Tell me which lists are being circularized and I will try to avoid duplication.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Ray Newton  
20 South 12th Street  
Philadelphia, Penn.

KP:MK

September 3, 1940

My dear Mr. Stanford;

Your important letter is at hand and I wish that we could have a long talk together about this matter. I suggest you write to the Fellowship of Reconciliation at 2929 Broadway, New York City, and ask them to send you their mimeographed material dealing with conscription. I think you will find this material extremely valuable and it will answer your questions better than I am able to do in a short letter.

After you read this material, if you want to ask me a specific question, please feel free to do so. These are days when Christians must hold fast to their convictions at all costs. Do keep me in touch with what you are doing.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Alden Stanford  
1224 14 Street  
Rock Island, Ill.

KP:MK

September 3, 1940

My dear Mr. Zielke:

It was kind of you to write as you did. It is good to know that you found the book helpful. These are days when Christians must hold fast to their faith at all costs.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Randolph Zielke  
2081 Paloma St.  
Pasadena, Calif.

KP:MK

September 3, 1940

Dear Barbara:

In reply to your request that I suggest names of persons to be invited to write birthday letters for Sherwood, I suggest that you look over the old list of his financial contributors including James H. Lockhart of Pittsburgh, Timkens in Canton, the various members of the Hoover family in Canton, the various members of the Hyde family in Buffalo and Wichita, and the Scattergoods in Philadelphia.

Perhaps some old-timer in the Foreign Dept. could help dig up names of some of the contributors with whom Sherwood was intimate in those days.

It might be well to send your request to old time Association secretaries for suggestions, including such persons as Gale Seaman, 10845 Le Conte Avenue, Los Angeles; Ben Cherrington, University of Denver; and various city secretaries. Professor Henry Luce at Hartford Theological Seminary knew Sherwood intimately in the old days and may have some suggestions. Doubtless you have a comprehensive list of persons in England and on the continent. I will probably think of additional names which I will pass along to you from time to time.

Is there any chance you will be able to come South before you go back to New York? It would be a great joy to have you visit here with us in our home.

Cordially yours,

Miss Barbara Parker  
678 Grizzly Peak Blvd.  
Berkeley, Calif.

KP:MK

Dear Alma Sorry I am  
busy every hour at the allow  
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Y in meetings house to Kirby,  
Cokom I hope to see in N.Y. on  
the 1st I don't get there till Nov 26.

Deerwood



THIS SIDE OF CARD FOR ADDRESS



Mrs Kirby Penn  
Box 247 La Habra  
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1132 Woodlawn Ave.  
Springfield, Ohio.  
September 3, 1940

Mr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, California

Dear Sir: I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of fifty copies of your booklet, "How to Keep America out of War" and enclose for the same my check for two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50).

I am pastor of the United Lutheran Church of Buenos Aires Argentina, and am at present on furlough. As you may well imagine I am doing a lot of speaking while I am at home and, being convinced of the utter asinineity of war as a method of settling international difficulties as well as an unchristian institution from beginning to end, I am doing all I can in speeches, writing and private conversation to oppose it.

Besides your booklets, this morning's mail has brought me from Senator Robert Taft, a copy of his speech in the Senate on his reasons for opposing the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill, as well as some very valuable information and documentary evidence against war-mongers, mentioning them by name, from Senator Rush D. Holt.

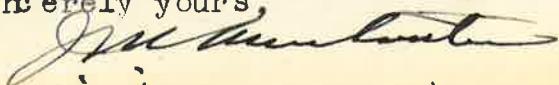
Needless to say, if the people of this country would take the trouble to inform themselves as to the motives of the people who are trying to stir up war hysteria and plunge us into this war as they did in the first world war, there would be little danger of our involvement. To keep us out of war then would be relatively easy. However people inform themselves in the superficial and easy way, viz. by reading scare headlines, listening to partial radio commentators, and by going to the movies, and accepting as the gospel itself, the hate inducing propaganda as represented by pictures such as "The man I married". I saw this film last Saturday, I heard little kids boo the German Nazi villains and applaud the wise cracking American newspaper man represented, and I said to myself, "Keep this sort of thing up here, and our chances of staying out of this war are two in a million", which I'm sure you will agree is slight.

A few months ago, or even a few weeks, I was hopeful that our country this time wouldn't be a sucker. However my hopes are fading, and fading fast. The old propaganda machine is working efficiently, and over time. I insist that I have nothing but aversion for Nazi and Fascist philosophy, and scorn for the methods they are using to try to spread their philosophy to the rest of the world, viz. by force of arms, but I also insist that even by the wildest stretch of imagination, neither Germany nor Italy has by even so much as one overt act given us a pretext to enter this war against them. But they don't need to. Praying upon the gullibility of our people, the war-mongers are well on the way to driving us into it anyway by howling about what "those savages are going to do with us, once they finish England".

While still praying that we stay out, by some miracle of God's grace, I fear our human ignorance and greed is going to win out once more, and I shudder to think of the punishment that we are going to have to take as a consequence. It will be terrific, but deserved. Once more, foolish men will say, "Why did God permit this", while the wise will see that we alone, and not God, will have had the blame.

Keep up the good work and God bless you in it.

Sincerely yours,



(J.M. Armbruster).

Sebring, Ohio.  
Sept. 4, 1940.

Mr. Kirby Page,  
Box 247,  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page,

This will undoubtedly seem like a very strange letter to you but these are very strange times.

I am enclosing a personal history form which I used in applying for a teaching position last Spring. This may help to, more or less, identify me. Now to the point.

I returned to the U.S. this June a more confirmed pacifist than ever before. I was not surprised but rather disappointed to discover a war hysteria being worked up in this country. The American people are being led down a very tragic road and the great majority of them don't seem to realize it. Amid all the waste and destruction in the world I would like to do something constructive. I am ready to give a year of my services if I can find an individual or organization in a position to pay my living expenses. I suppose you are wondering why I have turned to you. I have been thinking that you must be doing quite a bit of writing at this time. Is it possible that you might need some help in research work, gathering data, etc.? I would give almost anything to be engaged in work of that kind in your field - it would give me the feeling that I was doing some good to a large number of people. Does this all sound crazy to you? I hope not. I simply want to do something compatible with my convictions. I would appreciate very much any help or suggestions that you are able to offer to me.

Incidentally, last semester at the American University at Cairo I taught a course on the causes of the world War - that is the period from 1870 to 1914. In connection with this course, I ordered 50 of your pamphlets, 'How to Keep America Out of War'. They never came and I have wondered if you never received the order or if they were held by the English censors in Egypt.

Thanking you for hearing me out, I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
*Harry B. Crewson, Jr.*  
Harry B. Crewson, Jr.  
143 W. Oregon Ave.

1115-7<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Eureka, California  
September 4 1940

Kirby Page,  
La Harba, California  
Dear Kirby & Alma:

You will be surprised to hear from us at Eureka but we moved up here last June and like it very much. Sorry we missed you as you went north last spring.

I am not sure you will get this letter in time to do me any good but it is worth the try.

Three of the ministers of this community planned for a school of conscience for Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. The school is to be for a selected few and put on by our own community. I am to have a part in a panel discussion on the idea of a positive conscious objection for a minister, a young woman and a young man. That is what can the conscientious objector do in a positive way to serve his country, his community and his church. We want to tell these young people what they can do and be Christian in the situation that is immediately before them.

If you can send me any material - not too much - that would help me, I would surely appreciate it. Please send me the bill for whatever the material may cost.

Sincerely your friend  
John F. Stubbs

P.S. If you get this letter too late to do any good, just forget it.

J.F.S

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
760 SO. WESTMORELAND AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
FRANK B. FAGERBURG, MINISTER

The Pastor's Study  
September 5th  
1940

Dear Kirby,

You did not say whether you want some prayer among my collection or whether you mean one I had written.

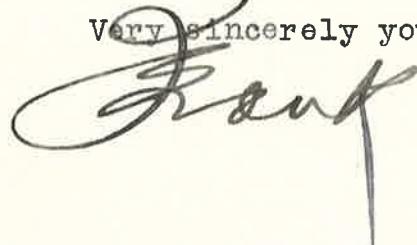
Assuming that you mean the former, I am sending you two which I think are good by Wallace Petty. They occur in his little volume (published posthumously) "The Evening Altar".

I shall eagerly look forward to seeing a volume of LIVING PRAYERFULLY. You have done us all good by your former splendid efforts.

Thanks again for the look-in at your home and the valuable conference in July.

Hope you have a great year's work.

Very sincerely yours,



greetings to  
Alma and all  
Our family

Harold Stone Hull  
1260 E. Mendocino St.,  
Altadena, Calif.

Sept. 5

at Chautauqua  
Training School

Dear Kirby and Allen: —

We are deep in debate here concerning Conscientism — & question of registering or not. — Must has a letter from Richard Gregg saying Gregg will not register even tho C.O.'s are granted full exemption & act conforms to British act. Gregg feels that since he has aided bnp to come to CO decision he is responsible somewhat & must do all he can to identify himself with them — many will not be able to answer questions put to them by the court — will be made to appear malish & insincere — Must feels that it would be main in keeping with FOR policy to refuse to register — and others join with him in urging

an enrollment of those pacifists (ahead of time) who declare now that they will refuse to register.

Others, including Sayer are not so sure of this. The group will probably vote a recommendation that both positions (those who cannot register & those who can) be endorsed.

Kazewski prison! — FOR practically acting by decree now! How fast both fascism & war are coming! — We are having some deeply moving spiritual experiences — If you feel like writing a message to the conference please do so. — God be with you — Harold

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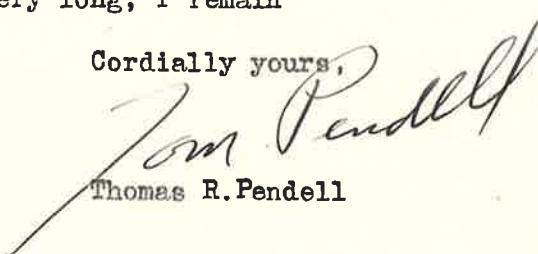
Dr. Kirby Page  
LaHabra, California

Dear Kirby:

Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 for your honorarium for the splendid work you did at Winona Lake. I only wish it could be more. The great ovation given you by the delegates testified to the appreciation on their part of your participation in the Conference.

Trusting that we will be able to meet again before too very long, I remain

Cordially yours,

  
Thomas R. Pendell

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IN CONFERENCE**Kirby Page will address three  
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Peace Section of the American  
Friends Service Committee today  
in the Church of the Messiah,  
North and Mariner streets. Kirby  
Page, author, lecturer and worker  
for peace, will lead conference ses-  
sions at 4, 6 and 8 p. m. Miss  
Ethlyn Christensen is chairman of  
the local committee.An address and forum on Re-  
ligion's Answer to Totalitarianism  
will open the conference. This will  
be followed by a dinner conference  
at 6 and a public meeting, with  
an address and forum on the topic,  
How Can We Defend American  
Democracy?Local co-operating organizations  
are the Women's International  
League for Peace and Freedom,  
the Fellowship of Reconciliation,  
the Keep America Out of War  
Committee and the Catholic  
Worker.The Rev. Paul A. Rasche, pastor  
of Calvary Evangelical and Re-  
formed Church will be chairman  
for the afternoon program. Dr.  
Ross W. Sanderson, executive sec-  
retary of the Buffalo and Erie  
County Council of Churches, will  
preside at the evening meeting.Taking part in the round-table  
discussion after the evening ad-  
dress will be the Rev. Rodney  
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Director

September 10, 1940

Mr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, Cal.

Dear Kirby:

I spent the week-end at Chatauqua and the Fellowship had a grand time.

There are now tentative requests for you at about twenty points in the area and we are expecting more from letters that are going out. We will have no difficulty in keeping you busy.

I have been trying to think into the content of each program and how we can best present the issues now in order to get the best attendance and the best results generally. As far as possible I am insisting on the two or three session program so you will have at least two good, long sessions to present your facts.

What do you think of having the supper meeting a symposium to which we invite three or four local people to come and speak for five to ten minutes each on some such topic as "The Place of the Church in a World at War" or "The Function of Religion in a World at War," especially inviting men or women who hold views that diverge from yours at different points. For example, in Philadelphia I would like to have Dan Poling on such a program and also some less enthusiastic advocate of military action than he is, but still non-pacifist. I believe this will increase the attractiveness of the program and also add to its vitality for those who attend.

Will you, as soon as you can, send me any suggestions you have as to the general theme of these conferences for announcement purposes and also a list of subjects for single addresses? I might say that my own thinking now goes in the direction of your sticking quite closely to the religious aspects of the problem. I believe that is where we are going to have to anchor. The bulk of our attendance will be pacifists and near pacifists from our churches.

Bernard Clausen has tentatively asked if you can take two services in his church on November 10. I believe there is enough leeway in our plans so perhaps we ought to accommodate him. I also want to hold a regular conference in Pittsburgh at a later date on

Kirby Page  
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the schedule.

I am also scheduling you for Mrs. Lindeman's synogogue and the Race Street Forum in Philadelphia on Sunday. The way things are shaping up your sabbath will probably have to be on the Sabbath rather than on Sunday. That seems to be the least popular day in arranging dates.

I hope that you have had a good summer and I will await a reply at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely,

  
E. A. Schaal

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## Many Meetings As Summer Ends

**Lutherans, Evangelicals, Methodists Hold Conferences in or Near Chicago —Peace Rally Spreads Discord**

(Correspondence from Chicago)

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—"Anti-Christian philosophies, craftily undermining the cities of God in many parts of the world," were scored by Rev. Edward J. Friedrich, superintendent of the Lutheran Sanitarium, Wheat Ridge, Colo., in the keynote address before the International Walther League's 48th annual convention. The convention, which was held in the Stevens Hotel, Aug. 26-28, enrolled more than 2,000 young Lutheran delegates from the United States and Canada.

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### Evangelical Churchmen's Brotherhood Meets

Nearly 1,000 delegates attended the second annual national convention of the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the Congress Hotel, which opened Aug. 20. Rev. Glen G. Gunn conducted the opening service, and Walther H. Withaus, national president, formally welcomed the delegates. The national board, and the departments of missions and social service held sessions during the first day of convention meeting. A corporate communion service was held in the evening at St. Paul's Evangelical Church. Arthur W. Meyer is president of the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the Chicago area; he also served as chairman of the general convention committee.

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### 'Bishop's Retreat' at College Camp

Churchmanship—the meaning and purpose of the Christian church, church loyalty—an emerging idea among evangelical groups in the United States, occupied the attention of Methodists of Chicago and the Rock River conference at the annual "bishop's retreat" for laymen and women and the clergy held over the past week end at College Camp, Lake Geneva. The retreat opened with a dinner honoring Bishop Ernest Lynn Waldorf, who was unfortunately prevented by illness from attending. After the dinner the address of the evening was given by Dr. Harris Franklin Rall, professor of theology in Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston. A discussion period followed. "The Church Today" was the subject of discussion Saturday morning by both ministers and laymen while in the afternoon Dr. Rall conferred with the ministers, the laymen meeting separately under the presidency of Rockwell Clancy. The laymen listened to Edgar Blake, Jr., of Gary, Ind., and Dr. Raymond W. Fairchild, president of the Illinois State Normal University, at Normal, Ill. Dr. George L. Morelock, executive secretary of the board of lay activities of the Methodist Church, was the chief speaker at the evening service.

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### Methodist Youth Also Meets

At the same time, only over a longer

period, Methodist young people were in session at Winona Lake, Ind. The occasion was the fourth biennial National Conference of Methodist Youth. Epworth Leagues, Sunday schools, missionary groups and other youth organizations were represented. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of Boston, Mass., opened the program on Tuesday evening with an address presenting a survey and the challenge of unfinished tasks confronting Christian youth today. Dean Howard Thurman, of Howard University, Washington, D. C., was the Wednesday morning speaker. Kirby Page spoke Thursday morning, and in the evening joined in a panel discussion on "America and the War" with Clark Eichelberger and Senator Gerald P. Nye. Dr. Page took the complete pacifist position, Dr. Eichelberger advocated aid to Great Britain as a means of defending America, while Senator Nye defended his well-known views on neutrality. Saturday morning saw a round table discussion of Jewish - Catholic - Protestant relationships, with Leonard Aries of Chicago, Father Pursley of Warsaw, Ind., and Dr. T. Otto Nall of Kansas City, representing the three faiths. The closing address of the conference was delivered on Sunday morning by Dr. James Chubb, Methodist pastor at Baldwin, Kan.

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### 'Peace Rally' Draws Fire

The "Emergency Peace Mobilization" held over the past week end, while it enlisted the support of many conscientious peace lovers, appears to have derived much of its strength from communist and nazi sympathizers and organizations. Even the "Keep America Out of War Congress," led by John T. Flynn and Frederick Libby, flatly characterized the "mobilization" as the newest and apparently the most extensive of the Communist party fronts. A strong effort was made to line up labor organizations, but with little success. Thirty-six officers of 27 locals of the United Retail and Wholesale Employees of America telegraphed Senators Worth D. Clarke and Gerald P. Nye, advising them to cancel their plans to address the rally, which they did. A systematic effort was made to secure the backing of the clergy of the city. Not only did I receive loads of literature but, although I am not pastor of a church, a telephone call from a young woman speaking for the "Emergency Peace Mobilization," who was evidently calling all the clergymen listed in the classified telephone directory, asking my support of the rally.

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### And So Forth

The Juvenile Protective Association praised Mayor Kelly for revoking the licenses of 75 saloons recently, but adds, in a statement just issued, that it is "sending him the names and addresses of more than 100 taverns that are constantly operating in flagrant violation of the law." The statement indicates that this action, however, is only a gesture, since "Mayor Kelly and the police already know about the taverns."

The First Congregational Church of Millburn, northwest of Chicago, will celebrate its centennial Sept. 6-8. Dr. Ernest Graham Guthrie, director of the Chicago Congregational Union, will speak at the dinner with which the celebration begins. Rev. Melvin L. Frank is the minister.

CHARLES T. HOLMAN.

## Youth Hail Rumor Of Draft Defeat

**False Report Throws Methodist Gathering Into Tumult of Joy—Oppose Conscription; Leave Youth Congress**

(Special Correspondence)

WINONA LAKE, IND., Aug. 30.—An unexpected incident occurring during the biennial meeting of the 800 members of the National Council of Methodist Youth here today revealed the tension which the war psychosis has developed among young people. A false report, arising as a result of a misinterpretation of a badly worded newspaper story from Washington, reached the conference that the House of Representatives had rejected the conscription bill. Immediately there was a wild demonstration of joy which older people said they had not seen equalled since Armistice Day, 1918. Cheers, singing, impromptu parades and a tumultuous celebration immediately brought the business of the conference to an abrupt if temporary close. It was not until some time later when the truth about the situation was learned that the conference returned to the subdued but purposeful pursuit of its business.

### Against Conscription

The issue of conscription and of war and peace dominated the discussions of this, the largest of the church youth organizations which is really controlled by youth. Instead of retracting the strongly pacifist position taken at the convention which was held at Berea College two years ago, this conference showed a tendency if possible to strengthen its position. Unanimous votes were cast in opposition to conscription and in support of conscientious objectors. The temper of the body was strongly shown during a three cornered debate between Senator Nye, Clark Eichelberger and Kirby Page. Mr. Eichelberger represented the Aid to Britain committee headed by William Allen White, Mr. Page the pacifist position and Senator Nye the non-interventionist point of view. The conference was overwhelmingly in support of the latter two.

The second issue of importance considered at this meeting was the uncertain future of the National Council itself. Ever since the crisis when Owen Geer and Blaine Kirkpatrick, leaders of the Methodist youth movement and founders of the National Council, were dismissed by the denomination's Board of Education, the future of the council has hung in the balance. Powerful elements in the Board of Education still desire its dissolution. Also the southern wing of the Methodist Church refuses to permit its youth to have anything to do with a body as "uncontrolled" and "uncoordinated" and possibly as radical as the National Council. While there were delegates from Texas and other southern states at this meeting, they were there without the help or approval of southern church youth leaders. The future of the youth council was not settled at this meeting but the final decision of what happens to it will be made by a commission on youth which represents all branches of the united church when its 28 members meet in De-

September 11, 1940

My dear Mr. Crewson:

It was good to get your letter of September 4 and I am interested in what you have written. I suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Ray Newton, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, and ask him about possibilities of service under the American Friends Service Committee. In my judgment this is likely to be your best opportunity. Do keep me in touch with your plans.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Harry B. Crewson, Jr.  
143 W. Oregon Way  
Sebring, Ohio

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September 11, 1940

Dear Winnifred:

I am grieved over the long delay in replying to your good letter of May 23, but for some accountable reason it was held at a place in Indiana where it arrived too late to reach me on tour.

How I wish that we could have a long talk together. There are many things to discuss. I have resubscribed for Christianity and Society. It is a source of great regret to me that I don't get to see New York friends more often. Here is a copy of a letter that I sent to a circle of friends upon my return from the long trip.

With deep appreciation,

Miss Winnifred Wygal  
3041 Broadway  
New York, New York

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TALLADEGA COLLEGE  
FOUNDED IN 1867 BY  
THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION  
TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

BUELL G. GALLAGHER,  
PRESIDENT

September 11, 1940

Mr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

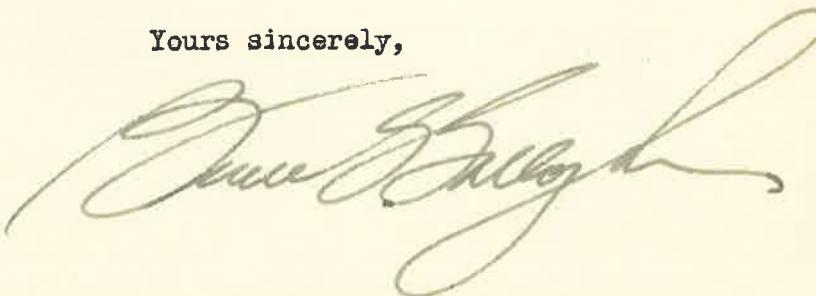
I am not at all sure that this little thing that I am enclosing will be useful in your book. It is one, however, which I find useful at church services, and if it were presented as such, it might be all right to include it. It is a combination of a prayer and a benediction to be used at the end of the service:

We pray, Oh Lord, in what we have said and sung with our lips, or thought in our minds, or purposed in our hearts, if there be anything Christlike, we may be strengthened to show it forth in our lives. And so may grace, mercy, and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord, Jesus Christ, be with us and all people now and evermore.

You may be interested to know that June and I occupied a cabin at Estes Park this summer which you and your family occupied one previous summer. We found it a very time in which to spend five weeks, and we thought of the Pages often.

Don't forget that I am still counting on you to come to Talladega, and as soon as you get squared away on your plans, I'll expect definite word as to the probable dates.

Yours sincerely,



Fifteen of our area young people are leaving this month to attend our church colleges. Seven go to Phillips University, Enid, Okla., six to Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Tex., and two to Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky. Seven are preparing for the ministry and three for the field of religious education.

The National Christian Mission will visit Little Rock Nov. 6-10. G. Gerald Sias, pastor of First Church, is chairman of the city executive committee. Plans include the city-wide observance of World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6, and the personal workers' campaign led by Guy Black. Floyd Allen Bash and Jesse M. Bader will represent our brotherhood. E. Stanley Jones, Muriel Lester and Fred Keller will be among the guest speakers.

Arkansas district conventions will be held during the latter part of September and early October at Sheridan, Prescott, Fayetteville and Wynne. Forrest Hampton, gospel song leader, will accompany the state leaders in a tour of the churches between conventions.

Gould and Osceola churches led the plans for community cooperative vacation church schools this summer. Each local church accepted the responsibility for an age level group coming from all the other churches in town.

Tourists riding through the Ozarks pull up at Inspiration Point, the former home of Charles Reign Scoville. They find a jolly group of hard-working students, improving the tourist buildings and caring for various conference groups. More than twenty young men and women have earned tuition money to enter Phillips University through this project.

PAUL D. KENNEDY.

## Kirby Page Plans Fall Itinerary

Kirby Page has announced the following tentative itinerary for the rest of 1940: through October in southern California; Nov. 3-8, Kansas; Nov. 10-Dec. 2, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland; Dec. 3-9, Ohio, Michigan; Dec. 10-15, Indiana, Illinois; Dec. 16-20, Missouri.

From March 29 to July 22, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Page traveled 17,000 miles on a speaking tour that included 75 different communities in 19 states, from Oregon to Pennsylvania and from Minnesota to North Carolina. Three times daily, on an average of six days weekly, Mr. Page discussed the Christian attitude toward war and talked about ways of keeping the United States out of war.

## SCHOOL RECALLS HISTORY

The Christian Church Sunday school, Eldon, Mo., completed the 51st year of its existence, Aug. 4. On Aug. 11, Mrs. G. D. Walker, who was elected secretary-treasurer of the class in 1889, gave a report of the organization of the school. Mrs. Walker is the only surviving officer. Morton Allen, another member of the original class of 40 members, was also present.

## W. C. T. U. Head



Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, Evanston, Ill., was unanimously reelected president of the W.C.T.U., at the 66th annual national convention held in Chicago, Aug. 13.

## Chaplain Increase Will Be Required

The program of national defense which provides for a greatly increased army and navy will also create a need for more reserve corps chaplains. The proposed objective of the conscription bill is an army of 1,200,000 men and a navy double its present strength. The law requires the appointment of one chaplain for every 1,200 men serving in the army. At present there are no vacancies to be filled by ministers of religion commissioned as chaplains in the regular army. The appointments that are being made are from the Chaplain Reserve Corps and are not for a permanent but for an extended period of service. Over 200 of these reserve chaplains are already in the army and more will be called.

Ministers interested in the chaplaincy must be between the ages of 23 to 42, have had four years of college, two years seminary work or their equivalent, and three years of active ministerial service.

There is also a need for approximately 60 more chaplains in the naval reserve and a small number in the navy itself.

If the present plans for national defense increase are carried out, ten times as many chaplains will be actively employed by the Federal Government, including CCC Chaplains, as there were in the regular army five years ago, approximately three-fourths of whom will be Protestant ministers, according to a statement released by the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains.

## THE CHRISTIAN-EVANGELIST

## Oklahoma Laymen To Liquidate Debt

Laymen of 300 Oklahoma churches have undertaken the task of liquidating the \$100,000 debt of Phillips University, Enid. The state has been divided into four districts under the direction of district governors and each district is divided into 28 zones. Dave Bucher, Enid attorney, is governor of the northwest district; E. O. Derrick, Cushing, northeast; M. E. Qualls, Ada, southeast; and Judge R. K. Arnold, Duncan, southwest.

The goal of the laymen is a \$2.00 pledge from each Christian church member in the state, and they have given themselves two years in which to fulfill their obligation.

## Ohio Church Holds Vacation School

First Church, Portsmouth, Ohio, for the first time in eight years, held a vacation church school this summer under the direction of Geraldine Daniels. Miss Daniels was graduated in June from the Hartford School of Religious Education and is now employed as church assistant at First Church.

There were four departments in the school: Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Intermediate, with an approximate enrollment of 100. Texts used were selected from the cooperative series published by the International Council of Religious Education.

The Intermediate department edited and published a newspaper entitled *The Broadcaster*, which provided a means of financing the school and informed the parents of departmental activities. The Junior department made a study of Africa since First Church contributes to the support of Herbert Smith, missionary in the Belgian Congo. The Primary and Kindergarten departments made a study of the church, and its relationship to home and school.

There were two teachers and a supervisor for each department. Benton B. Miller, church pastor, made several talks at the school.

## ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

The East Central District Combined Conference of Illinois was held Aug. 4-10 at Charleston State Teacher's College, Charleston, Ill., with an enrollment of 68 students and 17 faculty members. Forrest King, Newport, Ky., was dean, O. T. Mattox, Bloomington, Ill., was director, and W. H. Edwards, recently returned from Africa, was missionary. H. L. Hayes, Charleston, spoke several times.

In its three-year existence this conference has had one graduate, a transfer to the district from another conference, but next year there will be many graduates, charter members of the conference.

The installed officers for next year are: Claude Hayes, Charleston, president; Mary Dennis, of Central Church, Decatur, vice-president; and Betty Jean Abel, Blue Mound, secretary.

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
THE CALIFORNIA AREA

JAMES CHAMBERLAIN BAKER  
RESIDENT BISHOP

September 12, 1940

125 MARCHESAULT STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Your letter came while I was absence on my vacation. Thank you for sending it.

How I should like to talk with you and meet with one of your groups! It is tantalizing to be so close together and yet see each other so seldom.

Power to you in all of your work.

Sincerely yours,



I am looking forward to your  
new book

JCB:B

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY PARK  
LOS ANGELES

Sept. 14, 1940

Mr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I know how much it means for you to agree to have my group over for Sunday afternoon. We are delighted that October 6 will be convenient for you.

I want you to be perfectly honest about the matter of refreshments. As a group policy, we insist on paying our way, but if it is too much trouble for Alma, we shall pass them by. Some of the girls have volunteered to go out early and assist if this would help. I shall say nothing further and make no commitments until you indicate what would be reasonable from the standpoint of work and your other engagements.

I often wonder whether the excellent health you are enjoying with your very heavy load may not be similar to the ability that Sherwood developed when he began the most arduous portion of his life. Perhaps as animal organisms we need more exertion than many of us engage in.

Needless to say, I am looking forward with real anticipation to October 6.

Cordially yours,

  
William G. Campbell  
Associate Professor of Education

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THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
IN  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

CHARLES FRANKLIN PARKER, B. D.  
MINISTER

September 15, 1940

Mr. Kirby Page,  
P. O. Box 247,  
La Habra, California.

My dear Mr. Page:

The receipt of a letter from Mr. Taylor of Tempe made me realize that in the midst of vacations etc. I had not answered your letter of sometime ago regarding the date proposed for Prescott - Sunday, January 26th. I have conferred with the ministers here and that date is agreeable and we will plan for a full program for you on that day. If agreeable to you we will plan to use in some group at 9:45; either in one church or union meeting at 11:00; seminar in the afternoon and conclude with an evening meeting with the possible addition of a union young people's meeting at 7:00. This would be a full day, but one that would be worth the effort.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Taylor which is self explanatory. However, the point is simply this that I am convinced that a "split" day such as he suggests is not enough for Prescott. I realize the importance of the College situation at Tempe (I was Exec. of the Students Religious Council at the University of Missouri for two years) but still think we will need the entire day in this place.

Be assured we are anxious to have you and will co-operate to the best of our ability.

Very sincerely yours,  
*Charles Franklin Parker*  
Charles Franklin Parker



34 Elm Street  
Keene, New Hampshire  
September 17, 1940

Dr. Kirby Page  
La Habra  
California

My dear Doctor Page,

Possibly you may remember me as the young Methodist minister who drove you to your room in the Turner Inn after your address at the Keene Teachers College last season. My friend Daniel Miller and I had a talk with you about pacifism in time of war.

Robbins Ralph, one of our local Congregational ministers, and I are the only pacifist ministers in town young enough to be subject to the conscription law just passed. Will you be so kind as to help me with some advice on the matter of registration? I would share it with Ralph.

I am thirty-three. Ever since the middle of my college life I have been a pacifist on moral, religious, and intellectual grounds. During most of my adult life I have been deeply convinced that all war is immoral and that for me participation in any war or in preparation for war would be incompatible with the Christian principles which are basic to my philosophy of life. I am now a pastor, serving in my eleventh year in the ministry. I have consistently preached pacifism in my pulpits and elsewhere in public during the whole of that time. I have stated in all of my pulpits that I never would give any church under my care any leadership in war-activity and that I never would participate in any war. I have been well known in our small conference as a pacifist and have written many of its peace resolutions. I hardly could desert the cause now if I would. But I would not, for recent events have convinced me more than ever that constructive Christian pacifism is the only sound position. Will you help me, and thereby, perhaps, some of my friends, to learn how to meet this required registration without taking a position inconsistent with pacifist conviction?

As I see it, there are a few alternatives: (a) register, and wait to face the issue of service when my number is called; (b) go through the formality of registration, but write-in on the registration card if possible a statement of intention not to accept any form of military training or service (perhaps this might not be permitted); (c) refuse to register; (d) take advantage of dependents and occupation to avoid service---and the issue. The last seems to me quite out of the question. Which of the others would you recommend?

As far as I can find out just now, the registration will be a simple registration for military training. It seems that the questionnaire on which conscientious objection could be registered will be sent out only after a man's number will have been called in the draft lottery in Washington and in order of the drawing. Would it be sufficient for a pacifist to wait until then? If an adequate protest could be made then, it might serve---but could it? Might it not be the case that a man's number would not be called until three or four years had gone by, and that during all that time the pacifist would have been in the same classification with all the other registrants, with no real or official protest having been made by him? Will it be necessary to refuse registration in order to make our position clear? From what you know, could any official refusal of service be made at the time of registration? Would it be a violation of the law?

I wish through my action to conserve four things, which may or may not turn out to be incompatible: (a) to bear a clean-cut testimony against war and military training and to do nothing which implies my acceptance of service under the present law; (b) to keep my pulpit if I can, in order to stand with three other ministers here whom I believe to be uncompromisingly for peace and to keep on preaching the Christian gospel of love; (c) to do nothing that will unnecessarily strike at my family, my wife, who fundamentally shares my views, and my mother-in-law; (d) to avoid if possible breaking up my pastorate here at a time when otherwise I would be on the point of beginning to accomplish something in my regular work. I am quite ready to take punishment if it must come, but I had much rather stay on the job and take it here in Keene.

Would you be so kind as to tell me what you think you would do? Please do not hesitate to be definite just because you are not draftable, for I am an independent sort and in the last analysis I will make up my own mind. But I do want realistic advice. I am clear on my principles, which are the same as yours, but I want to be clear also in my detailed action.

Perhaps it is bold of me to ask for personal attention like this. But it is men like yourself who have helped to make pacifists out of men like me, and I have always been inspired and challenged by your leadership. Whatever advice you give me I shall try to use unselfishly in the cause of peace.

May God sustain you in your great work!

Sincerely yours,

J. Tremayne Copplestone.

321 N. Martin St.,  
Muncie Indiana,  
September 17, 1940.

Mr. Kirby Page  
347 Madison Ave.,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Mr. Page:

Like many another college senior I am facing certain problems that seem, to me, impossible to solve to my satisfaction. The problem utmost in my mind at present is that of conscription. Of course I realize that provision has been made for college students to be deferred until they have finished the current year. But, regardless of this provision, my problem remains as vital as if this provision had not been made.

As a reader of your books I have drawn generously from them in building a personal

philosophy; a philosophy that will not permit me to be conscripted for military service, now, next summer, or five summers from now. Thus, I intend to oppose being conscripted to the utmost of my ability. I say my ability, because as a Methodist, I will find little or no support of my defense from my church affiliation.

Lacking any church support, may I be so presumptuous as to ask for aid from a friend that I know only through his books. I am in great need of inspiration; for I wonder, at times, if my conviction is worthy of the consequences; should I run the risk and accept the penalty? I need aid in formulating a solid argument, for I realize my limitation. Should I bring the inevitable ostracism upon

my parents, my friends, and those who are interested in my future? I have prepared myself to teach the social studies; but, such a stand would make teaching a closed profession to me. What other fields might I turn my energies to?

Dr. Robert La Follette of Ball State Teachers College, a very close friend, and the one who first introduced your books to me, has aided me in solving part of this problem. But still I am not sure of myself. I feel that you are the one person who can give me the stability I need, the inspiration and advice.

May I receive a reply soon, and may I have your permission to carry on further correspondence. Your time and consideration in regards to this

letter will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially yours,

John F. Bowes

MID - CITIES KIRBY PAGE SEMINAR CONFERENCE

— Monday, Sept. 16th, from 4 pm.  
at the First Methodist Church, Compton, California.  
— 146 W. Compton Blvd.  
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All ministers and laymen, all persons interested in an understanding of the world situation, and desiring to find Christian approaches to world problems as they confront us, should come.

SUBJECT: "WHAT CAN AMERICA DO ABOUT WORLD PROBLEMS NOW?"

Dr. Kirby Page has long been noted and known on the platform as a speaker of surpassing ability, and thru his several books as a writer of power.

THREE SESSIONS: (1) 4 to 5:45 pm (2) 6 to 7:30 pm -- at the tables; 7:45 to 9:30 pm (or such time as agreed)

NO REGISTRATION FEE. Offering for expenses.

DINNER RESERVATIONS should be written or phoned to Frank M. Toothaker, 111 W. Palm St., Compton; NE 1 - 5248 not later than Sunday, Sept. 15th. 35¢

First Congregational Church  
Redlands, California

REV. HERBERT C. IDE. PASTOR

Sept. 16. 1940

Dear Kirby Page:-

Dr. Crauston, who made our original arrangement for your coming here on Sept. 29, is away now & the question has risen as to just what groups you wish to meet on that day.

1. We assume the 7.30 P.M. Forum address, as planned. Its subject we would like to announce.

2. But I understand you plan a Round Table at 4. or 4.30 P.M. Which hour, please, & what sort of a group do you wish invited?

3. And do I understand you plan to meet the Young People at 6.30 or perhaps 6. P.M.? 6.30 is the usual hour with most of our local groups. And what sort of announcement for this do you wish?

We will try to arrange things as you wish, if you will advise - Dr. Glenn Carlson, 515 S. Quena Vista is chairman, in Crauston's absence.

Cordially

Herbert C. Ide.

P.S. Did I write you that as a result of our meeting with the American Legion Committee of Post Commanders, we agreed that after your appearance here, our Union Forum would invite a man of this choice, if they were not satisfied with you? A reluctant agreement on this part.

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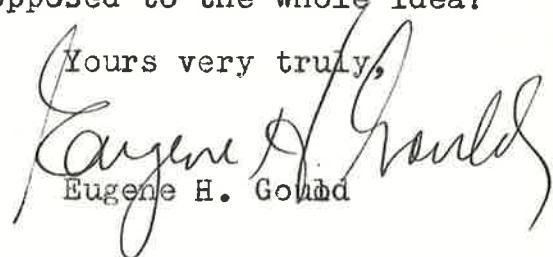
Dr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Dr. Page:

Now that conscription is a fact, what is the pacifist stand with regard to registration? Is it honest to register when one doesn't intend to fight? Is the "non combatant status" for conscientious objectors adequate?

In other words, if I registered as a conscientious objector and was assigned non combatant work -- is that enough for one who is opposed to the whole idea?

Yours very truly,

  
Eugene H. Gould

# The Methodist Church

Fourth and Heffernan Streets  
Calexico, California

Dear Dr. Page:

Unfortunately for me, meetings you have held on the Pacific Coast recently came when I was in the east. I greatly enjoyed your meetings at Winona Lake, Indiana at the Methodist Youth Conference and have found some of your political observations very quotable quotes.

My neighbor at El Centro attended a recent meeting with you and reports that you advised the group, if conscientious objectors, to register as such. You may understand me as one of them by reference to the list in the September "Fellowship". I am puzzled as to just what to say to anyone coming to me for insight into the present bill at the point of objecting to any service under the military - and am even yet troubled about what I shall do for I am thirty-five this week.

I understand that the "C.O." objecting to combatant or non-combatant duty is, if found sincere, permitted to give service in a field which the President deems of national importance under civil administration. That surely is a gracious deliverance of direct connection with the military. I cannot yet see that there can be any assurance that one would not be given work which would be vital to "the winning of the war" which would be tantamount to relieving another male to do the gory work under the military. Can I find that assurance? Do you know what privilege <sup>exists</sup> of objecting to doing such work if in one's judgment it is of that nature to which he is assigned? I would have no difficulty in registering if the work were to be set up by Dr. Boss of the Methodist Peace Commission, or the Friends Service but I am suspicious of work which the commander in chief of the army and navy would deem of national importance in war time. If I am suspicious now and "Willkie gets elected" "how much worse it would be" - quote Page!

Cordially,  
*Roy Tucker*  
Roy Tucker

603 5th St  
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Sept 16, 40

## Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church

PROSPECT AVENUE AND RODNEY DRIVE  
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Sept 17

Dear Kirby

If you are getting surfeited with all theprayers being sent please drop a card saying so. The enclosed blue mimeographed sermon HALLOWED BE THY NAME is the first of the series by G Heard given here . The series will come ~~be~~ out in less than a month as a book ,- Harper's. Heard as youknow is a prophet. I wish you could know him.

Would it be possible for you to preach or speak here on a Sunday night soon. And how soon? We cannot offer much of an honorarium. Say October 6. The idea would be for us here to do intensive calling trying to get the community out, and also to send out cards to your friends. And then after your address, some questions and ~~be~~ discussion. Of course you are terribly busy and probably all tied up. But we have never had you here for a SUNDAY evening church service or a morning one for that matter. Would you scribble on enclosed card if you have free time?

We are starting tonight in the manse (but will probably move to church) a Tuesday evening C O group to 1) develop deeply rooted and more articulate reasons for the faith that is in us

2) to develop the faith itself through meditation, skills in not blowing up or setting jealous or seeking attention (this sounds negative but you get the point), and through practising a regimen of life that will encourage such faith

3) honest to goodness group spirit with liabilities later to be determined, but that might include personal assistance to any one who has to go to jail or who has to lose his job.

Perhaps Gerald Heard will come for one evening. Patrick Lloyd we hope will come at least once. Is there a chance of your coming to give us the works? The group meets on Tuesday evenings from 7 45 till nine fifteen. It is not the Muriel Lester group. It is restricted to men who are involved in the draft and who are ~~be~~ because of the emergency desperately in need of training.

This is asking a lot of you and you don't need to respond especially with the last question: would you care to scribble say a hundred words paragraph for my next C Century letter giving your reaction as to what we should either feel think or do. The point in asking you to do this is that people out here faithfully read anything they can get ahold of that you say and this is a ~~be~~ time when your reflections will prove particularly valuable. It ~~be~~ was a disappointment not to be with you on July 25 as I had planned. Perhaps Harold explained the situation. Anyway , your latest word would be even more appropriate for the C Century. But to repeat, please don't go to trouble about this. If it takes more than ten minutes please just skip this suggestion.

Blessings on you always. Constantly I meet young people and others who draw on your books and personal influence. Fritz Kunkel had your LIVING CREATIVELY ON YOUR DESK. Mrs Gilbert yesterday morning at a Youth against war committee meeting said your KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR did more than anything she thought , to help.

Allen

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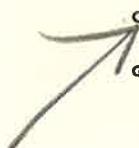
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Mr. Kirby Page,  
P.O. Box 247,  
LaHabra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

Thank you very much for your letter  
of August 12th. I found it awaiting me when  
I returned from my trip to "the South" and  
Mexico.

I found several of the paragraphs to  
be of real help to me in facing up to the  
present situation.

Sincerely,

*Charlie*

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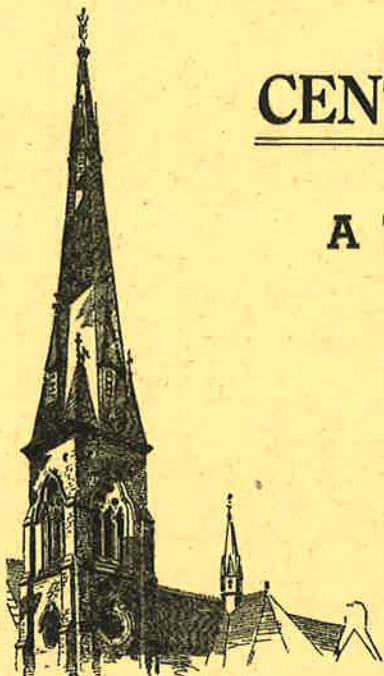
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 18, 1940</b></p> <p>PRESTON W. SLOSSON, Professor of History, University of Michigan— <b>SEVEN ROOTS OF WAR</b> I—"Paganism"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 25</b></p> <p>ALBERT E. COBO, ALEX. LINN TROUT, JUDSON BRADWAY, VICTOR W. SINCERE, a Quartet of Distinguished Detroiters, in— A Round Table Discussion on "City Planning and Zoning"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 2</b></p> <p>WELTHY HONSINGER FISHER, Author, Lecturer, Traveller, former Detroiter, and long a resident of the Far East— "America Faces the East"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 9</b></p> <p>PHYLLIS BOTTOME, Distinguished English Novelist— "Courage and Responsibility"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 16</b></p> <p>PRESTON E. JAMES, Department of Geography, University of Michigan— "Possibilities of the Development of a Real Pan-Americanism"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 23</b></p> <p>BONARO WILKINSON OVERSTREET, Author, Poet, Lecturer and Wife of Harry Allen Overstreet— "The Place of Arts in Every Day Life"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 30</b></p> <p>PRESTON W. SLOSSON— <b>SEVEN ROOTS OF WAR</b> II—"Political Ambition"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>November 6</b></p> <p>JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, Minister, Community Church, New York— "What's Happened to Our World?"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>November 13</b></p> <p>ARTHUR HOLLY COMPTON, Professor of Physics, University of Chicago, Nobel Prize Winner— "Cosmic Rays, Atoms and Galaxies"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>November 20</b></p> <p>DAVID SLIGHT, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Chicago— "Mental Health and the Individual"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>November 27</b></p> <p>PRESTON W. SLOSSON— <b>SEVEN ROOTS OF WAR</b> III—"Economic Ambition"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>December 4</b></p> <p>KIRBY PAGE, Author and Social Evangelist— "How Can Religion Help Solve Economic Problems?"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>December 11</b></p> <p>NORMAN THOMAS, Long the Distinguished Leader of the Socialist Party in the United States— "The Choice Before Us: Totalitarian State or Cooperative Commonwealth?"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 8, 1941</b></p> <p>ROGER BALDWIN, Defender of the Bill of Rights and Executive Head of Civil Liberties Union— "War and the Fight for Democracy"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 15</b></p> <p>GEORGIA HARKNESS, Professor of Applied Theology, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.— "World Church in a World Crisis"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 22</b></p> <p>HORNELL HART, Professor of Sociology, Duke University, Durham, N. C.— "Love and Marriage in the Machine Age"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 29</b></p> <p>PRESTON W. SLOSSON— <b>SEVEN ROOTS OF WAR</b> IV—"Jingoism"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 5</b></p> <p>HENRY HITT CRANE, Minister of Central Methodist Church, Detroit— "How to Achieve the Impossible"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 12</b></p> <p>WILLIAM PICKENS, Director of Branches, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Author, Lecturer— "America's Race Problem"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 19</b></p> <p>HENRY NOBLE MacCRACKEN, President of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.— "Educating for Better Human Relations"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 26</b></p> <p>PRESTON W. 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DOW, Exponent of Modernism in Architecture— "Foundations for Architecture" Illustrated by Colored Motion Pictures</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>May 14</b></p> <p>DENNIS GLEN COOPER, Department of General Science, Sherrard Intermediate School, Detroit— "Through the Southwest With a Color Camera" Illustrated by Colored Motion Pictures</p>
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### WHO'S WHO IN CENTRAL'S 1940-41 LECTURE COURSE

<p>PHYLLIS BOTTOME—Author of "Mortal Storm," "Private Worlds" and other popular novels and motion pictures. Born in England of English mother and American father, who was a clergyman. Wife of Capt. A. E. Forbes-Dennis. Drew a capacity crowd for her lecture two years ago.</p> <p>BONARO WILKINSON OVERSTREET—Wife of Professor Harry Overstreet and co-author with him of "Town Meeting Comes to Town." Has won distinction as a poet, educator and psychologist. Research associate American Association for Adult Education.</p> <p>ARTHUR HOLLY COMPTON—Holds Charles H. Swift chair of Physics at University of Chicago. Won Nobel Prize as foremost experimentalist in cosmic ray. Has made his special field the analysis of radiant energy from matter. Brother of Karl Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.</p> <p>DAVID SLIGHT—Graduated in medicine at the University of Edinburgh where later he lectured on psychology. Appointed Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at McGill University, Montreal; four years ago became Professor of Psychiatry at University of Chicago. President Illinois Society for Mental Hygiene.</p> <p>ROUND TABLE GROUP—Albert E. Cobo is City Treasurer; Alex. Linn Trout, architect, is executive secretary of Citizens Housing and Planning Council of Detroit; Judson Bradway is well known real estate operator; Victor W. Sincere is president Frank &amp; Seden department store.</p> <p>HORNELL HART—Professor of sociology at Duke University; nephew of the distinguished American historian, Albert Bushnell Hart. A Quaker. Formerly taught at Bryn Mawr and Hartford Theological Seminary. Author and Lecturer.</p> <p>GEORGIA HARKNESS—Only woman member of American Theological Society; educated at Cornell, Harvard, Yale, Union Seminary; Litt.D. from Boston University; author of eight books, including "The Resources of Religion"; formerly Professor of Philosophy, Elmira College and of Religion at Mount Holyoke; now Professor Applied Theology, Garrett Biblical Institute.</p>	<p>WILLIAM PICKENS—One of the ablest members of his race and long Field Secretary National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Received Yale A.B., Phi Beta Kappa and high rank in Philosophical Oration Group. M.A. from Fisk; Litt.D. from Selma University; L.L.D. from Wiley University. For ten years taught foreign languages. World traveler; author.</p> <p>HENRY NOBLE MacCRACKEN—The president of Vassar College for 25 years. Dr. MacCracken is a well known figure in American life. He comes to Detroit at this time to help observe Brotherhood Week, which is promoted by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, on whose Executive Committee Dr. MacCracken serves.</p> <p>MAX LERNER—Williams Professor of Government was formerly an editor of "The Nation" and is the author of two widely read books, "It Is Later Than You Think" and "Ideas Are Weapons." Professor Lerner was the outstanding speaker on the program of the Institute on Civil Rights held in Central Church and the Detroit Leland Hotel last year.</p> <p>ALDEN B. DOW—Son of the late Herbert H. Dow, founder, and brother of Dr. Willard H. Dow, president, of The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan. An active practitioner of modern principles and progressive ideas in architecture.</p> <p>DR. R. NATHANIEL DETT—Taught self to play piano as small child; graduated from Oberlin Conservatory of Music in 1908, first Negro to receive degree of Bachelor of Music for original composition. Studied piano with Arthur Foote, Boston, composition at Harvard and with Nadia Boulanger at Fontainebleau. Long director of choral music at Hampton Institute. Prolific composer in all forms.</p> <p>PHYLLIS BENTLEY—English novelist, was born and has lived in the industrial north of England. Graduate of London University; taught in boys' school; did secretarial work for Ministry of Munitions; author of "The Power and the Glory," "Sleep in Peace," and many other books.</p> <p>MISS KING LAN CHEW—Lovely Chinese dancer—name translates "Last Orchid." Pupil of Chow Kai Ming, Ito, Kreutzberg and others. Combines culture of Orient with western viewpoint; college graduate with M.A.; accomplished pianist.</p>
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September 19, 1940

My dear Mr. Gould:

Your important letter has just come. I suggest that you write to the Fellowship of Reconciliation at 2929 Broadway, New York City, and ask them to send you literature about registration.

My own feeling is that a conscientious objector may consistently register if he files a written statement of his reasons for being unable to approve of or participate in war.

The literature you will receive from the Fellowship will be of great help to you, I am confident. Do keep me in touch with your plans.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Eugene H. Gould  
2111 Colfax Avenue So.  
Minneapolis. Minn.

KP:EK

September 19, 1940

My dear Mr. Tucker:

Let me thank you for your good letter. Be sure to write to Dr. Boss for full information about the draft and about various possibilities. You will want to have this information on hand. Keep me in touch with your plans.

Cordially yours,

Rev. Roy Tucker  
603 5th St.  
Calexico, Calif.

KP:MK

September 19, 1940

My dear Dr. Carlson:

At the suggestion of Mr. Ide I am sending you herewith a list of subjects of addressees from which you may make a selection.

You may feel that it is better to concentrate upon the single address at the 7.30 forum, however, if it seems desirable I would be glad to come earlier for one or two extra sessions. Possibilities are a combined young peoples meeting at 6 or 6.30 and possibly a session at 4 or 4.30. Please use your judgment as to whether there should be one or two or three sessions.

Expectantly yours,

Dr. Glenn Carlson  
515 S. Buena Vista  
Redlands, Calif.

cc. H.C. Ide  
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Mr. Kirby Page,  
Box 247,  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

It was good to have your letter of not so long ago, and I only hope that our paths may cross before long. In the meantime, may I ask a question which, I hope, won't take very long to answer?

After my European experience, I have been trying to get things set up in the News Service in such a way that I shall be freer than usual, this winter, for speaking dates. I have had a new folder printed with sixteen different subjects, and I hope to be able to make some money out of it to help carry our work along.

Have you any suggestions to offer as to mailing lists that it would be well to cover, and if so, how can I get hold of them? I know you are an old hand at this and can give me the best advice of anybody.

Gratefully & affectionately

*Devere*

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Kirby Page  
Le Habra  
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Dear Kirby:

Red Schaal has been good enough to put Sunday evening for the Race Street Forum on your schedule for November 17. This is at the Friends Meeting House, Race Street west of 15th, at 7:30.

Do you want to select the subjects on which you will prefer to speak, or do you prefer to send me a list of the subjects you are using this fall and let our program committee put down one of them?

For October, the forum will have Dr. Joseph Stokes, Jr., on his experiences in France, Wilhelm Sollmann on "World Revolution against Democracy", Frederick J. Libby on "How Can We Defend Democracy", and Jesse H. Holmes on "Religion for the Future".

November 3 and 10 will probably be filled in with subjects other than the war. A. J. Muste comes December 1, when we will have straight pacifism presented again.

Looking forward to having you with us,

Very sincerely,

*J. Bernard Walton*  
For the Race Street Forum  
Committee.

JBW:EP

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P. O. Box 247  
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Dear Dr. Page:

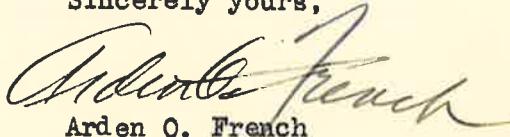
In May of last year I was in correspondence with you regarding reserving a possible date in February on your itinerary for Louisiana State University. In checking over our program for this year in the light of certain changing policies regarding the Association here at L.S.U. it would be impossible for me to guarantee the completion of this project in such a matter that I would not feel like holding you for that date. Certain tentative changes are under discussion which might necessitate my being away during the second semester of the year. In the light of this condition I would appreciate you withdrawing the L.S.U. date from your itinerary for this trip.

I regret very much that I am having to do this as I considered your visit here two years ago one of the most enlightening contributions that L.S.U. has had. My personal contact with you that night in our home shall long be cherished by both Mrs. French and me. We sincerely hope that this cancellation will not in any way inconvenience you in your present schedule.

Because of increasing intensity in the International scene and because of the nature of our campus here certain very difficult problems are facing many of our sincere Christian students and faculty men, as they are others I am sure throughout the Nation. Your devoted leadership stands out in the minds of thousands as an aid in the solving of these problems.

With best wishes for your conferences throughout this year and personal regards from Mrs. French and myself, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Arden O. French  
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September 20, 1940.

Rev. Kirby Page, D. D.,  
La Habra, Calif.,

Dear Dr. Page:

I have just returned from vacation and found time to give attention to the pamphlet "How to Keep America Out of War" which you sent me. Frankly, I do not see that you add anything to your recent address here in Pasadena, nor does it seem to me that you offer a single, feasible suggestion which would insure keeping the country out of war. Insofar as your suggestions run to that line, they seem to me of the "isolationist" and "Little America" type, save that you do propose to have the neutral nations agree on a program - a laughable proposal in view of all the circumstances.

The trouble with you 100% pacifists is, that you refuse to look facts in the face, and that you quote some one in authority who happens to agree with you, and then expect the rest of us to accept his dictum in spite of the fact that equally good authority and in larger volume, may be quoted on the other side. I was for years an advocate of disarmament, but the logic of events have convinced me the advocates of preparedness had the better judgment of the situation. To my mind the enclosed cartoon says a great deal more of truth than your long pamphlet does.

You good people are always greatly concerned about the sufferings of the German people, but fail to give any great consideration to the sufferings of Great Britain and Belgium and their allies. Who made the first really hostile move in the first World War? And, with all the injustice of the Versailles treaty (which I fully admit), two things remain true. That if Germany had won she would have imposed terms as rigorous, probably more rigorous, on the Allies; and second, that the injustices of the Versailles treaty had largely been adjusted when Hitler started on his campaign of conquest. The simple truth is that the military caste in Germany never gave up the idea of German world domination. They simply quit for the time being.

I am still of the opinion that you pacifist leaders are largely responsible for the terrible condition of world affairs. Had not the counsels of the Muriel Letters, George Lansburys, and such folk obtained in England, the nation would have continued its preparedness program and Hitler would never have dared to raise his head. You told us, among other things, of the great burden of taxation put upon the people by preparedness. Two months of the present war would have paid Great Britain for a navy and an army and air fleet, sufficient to have maintained peace. You have been, with the best of intentions, "blind leaders of the blind", and the wonder to me is that you do not see this and turn from your foolish and impractical ways.

And, I again suggest that you consider those other, more personal admonitions of Jesus, which all of us ignore, but which are just as specific as the "turn the other cheek" teachings. We have little responsibility for national affairs, and there is no direct evidence that Jesus ever intended His teachings to apply to the nations. But here we have admonitions which are strictly personal - such as "lay not up for yourselves treasures", which we calmly ignore while insisting that the nations take up the other line. In my judgment, the "mote and beam" caution applies here in full force.

Assuring you of my respect for your sincerity, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Franc L. Reid.

108 Ross Avenue  
San Anselmo, California  
September 20, 1940

Mr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

It is with the greatest hesitance that I write this note, for I know how determined you are to let nothing interfere with your writing at this time. However, due to the passage of the Conscription Bill a situation has developed in which your witness is desperately needed. Only a small minority of the students here at the Seminary and one Professor are Pacifist, although Dr. Baird has maintained a neutral attitude in his position as President. He is willing to have the Pacifist as well as the Preparedness positions presented before the student body, if we can secure an adequate and mature presentation of the former. Dr. Lynn T. White represents Pacifism on the Faculty, but his health is so poor that he feels incapable of making an adequate presentation of our position at this critical time. With the problem of War Psychology in general, and Registration under the Conscription Act in particular, before us in the immediate future it is extremely important that a sound presentation of Pacifism be made before our Student Body at this time. We can be certain that all of the information and propaganda thrust upon us henceforth will issue from the other side of the fence.

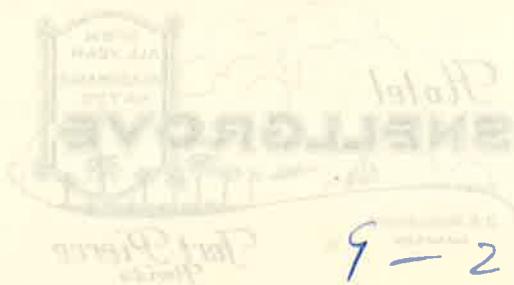
With this and a lot more in mind, I am writing to see if you would be willing to make a trip to San Anselmo before you leave on your extended tour in October. I am fearful that your first impulse will be to fire a quick "no!" to this request; but I feel that there is so much at stake here by way of helping to develop progressive thinking and social concern, hence I cannot urge you strongly enough. There are a number of <sup>us</sup> in the Student Body who are so concerned about having you come that we have agreed to meet whatever expense will be involved out of our own pockets, since there are no Seminary funds available for this purpose. I am also certain that a number of other groups would welcome your visit. Therefore, please don't say "no," if you can possibly avoid it.

Please let me know by return Air Mail whether or not it will be possible for you to come, giving possible dates and the finances required. The matter will be submitted then to the Faculty for final approval, Dr. Baird having already given his personal approval, which should be a pretty good indication as to the direction of the wind.

Looking forward to a favorable reply, I am

Yours in Him,

Chuck Nulac



9-23-40

Mr. Page:

What course of action should a conscientious objector take toward the present conscription law, if he falls within the age range?

Earl Jackson

415 Orange Ave.  
Fort Pierce, Fla.

9/23/40

# REDLANDS DAILY FACT

## DON'T LET AMERICA DOWN!

Sponsored by the Redlands Masonic lodge, there will be an assembly tonight in the Masonic hall, open to all, no admission charge, not even a free will offering. Spirit of the occasion will be the American Constitution, for last week marked the 153rd anniversary of the signing of that historic document. All loyal citizens are cordially invited to hear the program.

Contrast this patriotic gathering, if you will, with that planned by the United Church Forum (4 of Redlands 32 churches) at the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon. At that meeting Kirby Page, born in Texas under this same Constitution, will be the speaker. As related before in this column, Page, a rabid pacifist, has visited in red Russia to observe operation of "that noble experiment," to quote one of the ministers of the gospel connected with the Church Forum.

Rev. Page, author of the "Slacker Oath," is a writer for the Daily Worker, Disarm, the Socialist Call, and other radical publications. He is said to be a financial contributor to Commonwealth Communist college in Arkansas, and alleged to be supported in part by the Garland "Free Love" fund.

Again, we ask our readers to compare the character of the patriotic meeting of tonight with that planned by our ministers with Kirby Page, alleged radical, as the hired speaker. In plain language we ask, "How do our preachers get that way?"

Don't Let America Down!

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September 23, 1940

740 RUSH STREET  
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Dr. Kirby Page  
LaHabra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:-

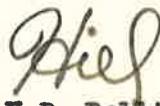
This is a belated acknowledgement of your mimeographed letter descriptive of your work in recent days. I cannot tell you how much we appreciate your leadership in student work, particularly the many fine appearances that you have recently made in our student conferences.

It pleases me greatly to know that you are soon to produce a new book titled, "Living Prayerfully." Please count me in on the earliest mailing list of first copies.

Thank you again and again for all you mean to me personally and to students throughout the world.

Your friend,

HDB/JG

  
H. D. Bollinger

Beginning October 1 our offices will be located at  
810 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

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NK

September 24, 1940

My dear Mr. Copplestone:

I was glad to get your good letter and wish that we could have a long talk together about these important questions. Let me suggest that you write to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, 2929 Broadway, New York City, and ask them for full information about various alternatives for conscientious objectors. It is not easy for one person to counsel another. I can only tell you what my own attitude would be if I were of draft age and was not exempted as an ordained minister. I would register on October 16 and would file a statement at that time giving reasons for being a conscientious objector. If I were then called before the Draft Board I would state my reasons for being unable to accept any form of service as a member of the army. That is, I could not take even non-combatant service in military uniform. I would be willing to do national service under civilian direction. As you know, this alternative is offered in the present draft law.

The information that you get from the Fellowship will state clearly the various alternatives. I do hope that you will keep me in touch with your plans.

Cordially yours,

Mr. J. T. Copplestone  
34 Elm Street  
Keene, New Hampshire

KP:MK

Dear Kirby:

You will be interested in this.  
I hope it is published. Best wishes.

Earl

September 24, 1940.

Editor, The Redlands FACTS,  
Redlands, California.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I heartily endorse the splendid editorial on Kagawa entitled "The Menace of the Meek" and published in the FACTS on Friday, September 20th. Redlands surely welcomes your strong defense of this recently arrested Japanese liberal whom you call "a Christian leader and social worker who has devoted his life to the poor and downtrodden." Your temperate yet definite chiding of those of his countrymen who have attempted to silence him is characteristic of the finest American love of liberty, civil rights, and fair play; we gladly honor you for it. We may be sure that if he were able again to speak in Redlands, as he did some four years ago, you would accord him every courtesy and support.

But to many of your readers your enlightened attitude toward Kagawa stands as a baffling paradox. During the last few weeks in these same editorial columns you have repeatedly discredited an American liberal, Mr. Kirby Page; you have even suggested that he is a dangerous radical who ought not to be invited to speak to Redlands audiences. Yet he is no more radical than Kagawa is, and those who know him far better than Mrs. Dilling does could with equal justice apply to Mr. Page your characterization of Kagawa, that he "took Christianity seriously, and set about leading a life as nearly like that of his Master as he could." Many who like myself have throughout the years admired Kirby Page and counted him a helpful friend have concluded that no contemporary American has more consistently professed and followed that high objective which you so properly praise. Rightly do you say: "Governments which make martyrs are never wise." And rightly one may add: neither are newspapers or pressure groups wise when they pursue a similar course.

Therefore, Mr. Editor, now that the day of Mr. Page's public appearances in Redlands is at hand, may we not expect you to show intelligent imagination and good-sportsmanship, and to exercise toward Kirby Page the same tolerance which you ask for Kagawa? Why not encourage the people of Redlands to hear him in unprejudiced freedom and to judge for themselves? You will thereby be saved from possible chagrin or embarrassment. To recognize a prophet five thousand miles away is of course a virtue; to respect one closer to home may be even more useful and commendable.

Yours very truly

Earl Cranston

9/24/40

# REDLANDS DAILY FACTS

## DON'T LET AMERICA DOWN

The Union Church Forum (which has a membership of 4 churches out of the 32 in Redlands) is bringing Kirby Page to Redlands as speaker at the opening meeting of the Forum series next Sunday at the Methodist church.

When the record of Kirby Page, as given in the Red Network, was recently reproduced in these columns for information of our readers, doubt as to its authenticity was raised by some. For their benefit we have turned to another record, that of a nation-wide patriotic society which keeps a file of the activities of alleged radicals who roam the country. We quote therefrom in part. Read it and wonder why this man was invited to speak in Redlands.

Kirby Page—Radical, pacifist-internationalist. Born in Texas, August 7, 1890. Graduated at Drake University 1915. Studied at University of Chicago, Columbia, and Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Ordained minister Disciples of Christ denomination. "Smooth, oily, nervous." Preaches slackerism, but expects military protection in case of emergency. Pro-Soviet. Supported in part for a time by the Communist "Garland Fund." Lecturer in churches, Y. M. C. A. and COMMUNITY FORUMS. Author of several pacifist books. An editor of "The World Tomorrow" (radical). Contributor to radical and liberal press. Supporter of Commonwealth College (Communist). Promotes illogical pacifism among pastors. Has declared "for communism achieved by goodwill"; urges church people to make themselves a big factor in changing the present order so as to place power in the hands of the "masses" instead of the "classes"; states that "when we say the Lord's Prayer we are praying that capitalism be done away with."

Don't let America down!

WE'D BE GOING TO BE BUSY

SHERWOOD EDDY  
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September 24, 1940

678 Grizzly Peak Blvd.  
Berkeley, California

Dear Kirby:

Your letter of September 23rd really should have been acknowledged long ago, but I've been terribly busy. Thanks for your help on the birthday. I am up to my ears at the moment on lists, and am not yet ready to send out a letter.

One thing on which I'd like your opinion. Ray Sweetman has just written me that he's not at all sure about the advisability of giving him the bound volume of letters. He thinks we should just have the dinner in New York on January 20th. I think that this would limit participation to a very small number of Mr. Eddy's friends, who just happened to be near New York, and that the only way many people can take part is by letter. I feel sure that the more distant people would feel hurt to be left out, and I see no point in writing them just about a dinner. Therefore, though it's going to mean much more work, I think we should ask people to write birthday letters, and then have them nicely bound. What is your opinion? You know him so well, and know the situation so well, I'd like to know how you feel about it. Let me know as soon as possible.

It's awfully nice of you to think of my visiting in your home. I would greatly enjoy it, but I doubt if there's a chance of my getting down south. I have been ill this summer, and have to stay here an extra month or so - probably till the end of October. So when I do finally start east I shall have to make a quick trip of it.

My best regards to Alma.

Cordially,  
*Barbara*

First Congregational Church

Redlands, California

REV. HERBERT C. IDE. PASTOR

Sept. 24. 1940

Dear Kirby Page:-

I think Prof. Carlson, our Forum Com. Chairman wrote you, naming topics for next Sunday.

In talking with some of the ministers, etc., they suggested a stronger wording for our purpose would be "The Challenges of Christianity to Youth", for the 6.30 P.M. meeting and

"Christianity's Answer to Totalitarianism" for 7.30. We use the word "Christianity" in place of "Religion". We hope you will not disapprove.

You are also to meet the University Peace group at 4.30 P.M. in the 157 M-E. Church, for a private meeting.

The editor of the "Facts" is raging again & still accuses you of authoring "The Slacken Oath," <sup>being</sup> ~~supported~~ by the "Garland Free Love Fund," etc.

If you are not too kindly & forgiving, perhaps a threat of a Libel Suit might have an ameliorating influence on Mr. Moore.

Some of the "patriots" we are told are going to be ready to question you Sunday. So we look for an interesting meeting at which

You will doubtless be well able to take care  
of yourself - 42

Cordially Yours -

Herbert C. Ide

September 24, 1940

My dear Mr. Rosier:

Your important letter has just arrived and I am keenly interested in what you have written. If you have not already written to Dr. Charles Boss, secretary of the Methodist Peace Commission, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, I suggest you get in touch with him at once. Ask him to send you full information. As you doubtless know, he is a resolute Pacifist himself and will render all possible assistance to you.

Let me also suggest that you write to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, 2929 Broadway, New York City, and ask them to send you full information about various alternatives for conscientious objectors. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my pamphlet "How To Keep America Out of War." Beginning about page 65 you will find a discussion of the Christian attitude toward war. If there are specific questions that you desire to ask, I will be glad indeed to answer them to the best of my ability. Let me urge you to discipline yourself and deepen your own spiritual life so that you may be at your very best during these critical days. Do keep me in touch with your plans.

Cordially yours,

Mr. John F. Rosier  
321 N. Martin St.  
Muncie, Ind.

KP:MK

September 27, 1940

My dear Mr. Jackson:

Your important letter has come and I appreciate your cooperation in circulating the pamphlets.

If you have not already written to Mr. Charles Boss, secretary of the Methodist Peace Commission, 740 Rush Street, Chicago, I suggest that you ask him to send you literature about the draft law. It might be well for you to write also to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Miss Constance Rumbough, 2210 Highland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn., and ask her to send you information.

If I were of draft age I would register and file a written statement of my reasons for being a conscientious objector. I would ask for national service under civilian direction as provided for in the law.

Do keep me in touch with your plans.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Earl Jackson  
415 Change Avenue  
Fort Pierce, Fla.

KP:MK

September 27, 1940

Dear Barbara:

It was nice to get your letter. We had not realized that you have been so seriously indisposed. You are wise to take as long a rest as possible. The pace you have been traveling is too fast. Sherwood has placed too much responsibility and too many details upon you. I do hope that a more moderate schedule can be arranged for you. We are sorry indeed that you will not be able to visit us while you are in California.

I agree with you about the desirability of having Sherwood's friends send letters. He will value this bound volume far more than the testimonies at the dinner.

It will be nice to see you when I am in New York about November 26.

As ever,

Miss Barbara Parker  
678 Grizzly Peak Blvd.  
Berkeley, Calif.

P.S.: Can you answer the enclosed letter or see that it is answered by somebody? Thanks.

K.P.

# Letters to the Editors

## For Thomas and Krueger

**Dear Sirs:** The undersigned members of the Independent Committee for Thomas and Krueger (276 Fourth Avenue, New York City) believe that the Presidential campaign of 1940, coming in a period of vast social change, presents an unprecedented challenge to men and women who know that there can be no lasting political freedom without economic justice.

The manner in which this challenge is met may determine whether the United States will plunge down that road which Europe has already traveled to its doom or will utilize its economic and geographical advantages to build a dynamic democracy.

We believe that the United States can challenge the world-wide drift toward fascism by defeating the social reaction and nationalist intolerance which are already threatening political democracy at home, by democratic planning for human needs rather than totalitarian planning for human destruction; that a workable democracy which offers *both* security and freedom will serve as an inspiration to the oppressed peoples of the whole world.

It is because we believe these things that we are supporting the candidacy of Norman Thomas and Maynard Krueger in this campaign. They are the only candidates who may be counted upon for unwavering opposition to the forces of reaction, alien-baiting, militarist hysteria, and the drive toward war. More important, they are the only candidates who offer—in place of a false "war prosperity"—an alternative program of democratic planning which can really meet the challenge of a totalitarian Europe. We agree with Norman Thomas that "successful defense may well be the by-product of harnessing our machinery under democratic control for the conquest of poverty."

There is no material difference in the foreign policies of the two major candidates and almost no difference in their fundamental domestic policies. This period of world crisis is no time for compromise with what may seem a slightly "lesser evil." It is a year in which men and women of integrity must be willing to bear witness for the principles in which they believe.

Norman Thomas and Maynard Krue-

ger will not be elected in November, but a million men and women united behind them in this campaign and on Election Day will serve as a brake to undemocratic tendencies in this country and effectively influence the policies of the successful candidate.

The lifelong record of Norman Thomas as a spokesman for all that is best in American life, a fighter against every form of reaction, is known to all your readers. We ask these men and women to vote their hopes rather than their fears in November by voting for Norman Thomas and Maynard Krueger.

LEONARD ABBOTT, RONALD BAINTON, CYRUS LEROY BALDRIDGE, HELEN MARSTON BEARDSLEY, EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN, HOWARD BRUBAKER, V. F. CALVERTON, BERNARD C. CLAUSEN, SARAH CLEGHORN, LAETITIA CONARD, LEONARD P. COTTRELL, JR., MARGARET DE SILVER, JOHN DEWEY, ELEANOR A. EATON, JUSTUS EBERT, HENRY PRATT FAIRCHILD, KATE CRANE GARTZ, SIDNEY E. GOLDSTEIN, BERNARD D. N. GREBANIER, ESTHER FISKE HAMMOND, GEORGE W. HARTMANN, WILL HERBERG, MARY HILLIER, ISADOR HOFFMAN, JESSE H. HOLMES, JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, SIDNEY HOOK, B. W. HUEBSCH, ALLAN A. HUNTER, WILLIAM LLOYD IMES, JOHN PAUL JONES, ALFRED KAZIN, CARL J. LANDES, HALFORD E. LUCOCK, LENORE G. MARSHALL, MILTON S. MAYER, ALIDA LEESE MILLIKEN, A. J. MUSTE, HENRY NEUMANN, LESTON M. OAK, WILLIAM A. ORTON, KIRBY PAGE, GEORGE LYMAN PAYNE, BURTON RASCOE, A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, JAMES RORTY, RICHARD ROVERE, JOHN NEVIN SAYRE, VIDA D. SCUDER, EMILY PALMER STEARNS, WALTER W. SIKES, CAROLINE SINGER, WILLARD UPHAUS, FRANCES WINWAR, BERTRAM D. WOLFE, WINNIFRED WYGAL

New York, September 23

## Food for Europe

**Dear Sirs:** Not long ago at the Bohemian Club's camp "The Grove," Herbert Hoover spoke frankly of relief for Europe. He said it was impossible under present conditions. Now that blockade, that is, hunger, was recognized as a legitimate weapon by both sides, there

was not the slightest hope that Britain would give permission for food to be shipped or that Germany would keep hands off even if the government promised it would. He said openly that 2,000,000 bushels of wheat shipped to relieve Poland had been seized, partly by Germany, partly by Russia. It had not gone to Polish sufferers. Mr. Hoover should say this publicly so that we whose consciences are torn by this sickening dilemma may understand that any food sent to Europe will go to support the German army in its destruction of democracy.

L. G. J.

Berkeley, Cal., September 16

## Free Speech?

**Dear Sirs:** It is the lamentable truth that facts important to the welfare of a state but detrimental to big business are not given publicity by newspaper or radio. The people themselves have even ceased to consider the newspaper and radio as a means of publicity when the facts conflict with big-business interests.

Recently it was discovered that whole counties in my state where the rainfall was heaviest had from 60 per cent to 92 per cent of their water wells dry—a condition never before known. This lack of water was due to the use, pollution, and displacement of the water by oil companies. The newspapers had the facts, but did not publish a word about them. I took these facts and their proof to different important men in the hope they or their organizations could bring pressure on the newspapers to publish the truth.

The biggest credit man in the state was pleased to get the facts as they were of immense economic importance to his organization. But he said, "We can't do anything as an organization. The big oil companies dominate this organization both in the state and nationally." He discarded the idea of the retail merchants in the town bringing any pressure to bear upon the newspapers because the merchants catered to a trade that obtains its money from oil.

A lawyer owning land in the affected area was very much concerned. He knew at once that the only remedy was legislative. "You must get the facts to the farmers," he said, "but how?" He never even considered the radio, the farm journal, or the newspapers. Letters to

prominent farmers in different communities was his solution.

Next, the big politician examined the facts carefully, smoked very hard, then said, "I knew those companies were using water over there, but I never thought it was that serious. Only thing you can do is get out some pamphlets. That's what I do in a case like this."

It is clear that we the public have ceased to consider the newspaper, the radio, or any journals that carry big-business advertising as mediums of publicity when that publicity would be detrimental to big business. It's a funny kind of free speech we have.

M. BASS

Wichita, Kan., September 18

### Professor Goldenweiser

Dear Sirs: Some of the readers of *The Nation* may not know of the death of Professor Alexander A. Goldenweiser at his home in Portland, Oregon, on July 6. He was known to a large circle, and before he left the East to take a position on the West Coast he was a well-known figure among New York City intellectuals. His death has removed a social scientist who has influenced many thinkers in diverse fields.

Professor Goldenweiser was one of the group of distinguished teachers who made up the first faculty of the New School for Social Research, and to those who knew the school in those first years he is an inseparable part of that successful experiment. He taught anthropology, and he had a special gift for making his material stimulating and exciting to those who had no detailed background in the subject. In 1922 he published a widely used survey of his field, "Early Civilization," and in 1933 he collected

his professional articles in "History, Psychology, and Culture."

When the New School gave up its original plan of a full-time faculty staff, Professor Goldenweiser was for a time on the editorial staff of the *Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences*, and later went to the West Coast. Since 1930 he has been professor of thought and culture at the University of Oregon and since 1933 visiting professor of sociology at Reed College.

He believed strongly in a closer rapprochement among the various fields of the social sciences and exemplified his belief in his own learning and discourse. His many friends and pupils mourn the loss of a rarely gifted teacher.

RUTH BENEDICT

New York, September 19

### Odets on the Critic's Role

Dear Sirs: When your Mr. Haggins recommends phonograph needles or qualities of recordings he is readable, but his attempts at musical criticism, of modern music, for instance, are lamentable.

A case in point was his foolishness about the recording of the new Roy Harris Symphony. He wrote, "I have confidence in my own ability to hear greatness in music and the lack of greatness. . . ." Brave lad! He has listened to the Harris music and has found it lacking in greatness. Apparently Mr. Haggins does not live in America. Or does he live *too* much in America? When will he see that all of us may be dead before a great artist appears on the American scene, a Mozart or Beethoven, in *any* medium?

However, Mr. Haggins has a real point. He objects to the early deification of Roy Harris by his admirers, their premature reading of Kansas plains and Wyoming winds into his work. Mr. Haggins's dislike of the admirers themselves is even more intense than his dislike of the music. He is right: the admirers for the most part are just as uncreative and uncritical as Mr. Haggins himself, although they have one virtue—hopefulness.

I am not objecting to Mr. Haggins's personal preferences, but to his lack of *situation* within the American scene. To intimate, as he does constantly, that "Harris and his group" are not Mozarts may be truth; simultaneously it is impudent irrelevance, irresponsible, uncreative, and sterile, not to say reactionary. For today our "critics" can be useful only when they recognize that

the Roy Harris of our creative life are but beginners in a country of beginners.

The responsible critic sees the paucity of seriously intentioned musical talents here; he understands the necessity of humble and small beginnings, cherishes the smallest scrap of real talent—I am not here estimating the talent of Harris. He helps it, nourishes it, applauds and spans it, but always with a love for a future which, he knows, must grow from these small beginnings. Here original character in an art work is the astounding exception, never the rule. Pray, do not kick it in its young and tender face! In short, O wooden-head, spare that baby tree!

CLIFFORD ODETS

New York, September 15

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Steubenville, Ohio  
September 28, 1940

Dear friend:

I believe that conscription is bringing a militaristic form of government to America. Military training gives the army control over the lives of the people, it develops national arrogance, destroys self-discipline, and substitutes dictatorial force for democratic procedures.

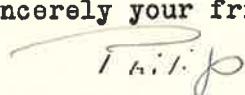
German militarism can be destroyed, not by creating more militarism here, but by deepening our understanding of democracy. If we are to have government by the people, we must have faith that love of justice and of humanity controls the ultimate purposes of everyone--even German, Japanese, and our own militarists. It would, however, be traitorous to cooperate with any of these in acts which we believe would destroy our constitution.

I believe that defense can be achieved by being kind to the people of all nations, thus helping to rebuild confidence in humanity. Such good-will has overcome savages, and its power is the foundation of human society.

Since I believe in kindly but determined resistance to German militarism, I must be kindly but determined in resisting American militarism. Other people will be encouraged more easily to maintain faith, even in their enemies, if resistance to distrust is given now, rather than after the military trend has hardened into inhuman slaughter.

I therefore want to give notice at this time of my civil disobedience to the conscription law, not in defiance, but because it would be unfaithful to my trust in democracy to evade, by secrecy, the penalties imposed by my fellow-countrymen. Please let me know of any assistance I may give to you or to your friends in this endeavor.

Sincerely your friend



Philip F. Mayer

One of Clausen's members has been suspended from his job for counseling COs. It looks as though dark days are ahead.

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
G. BROMLEY OXNAM, RESIDENT BISHOP  
THE BOSTON AREA  
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September 28, 1940

Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

My dear Kirby:

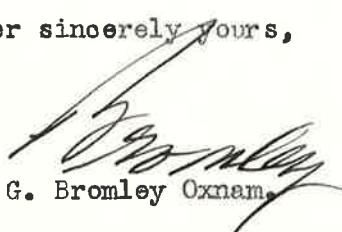
I am inclosing a prayer for the forthcoming volume. If this is not in keeping with what you have in mind, do feel free to write me, and I will write another.

With kindest regards, believe me

Ever sincerely yours,

GBOck

G. Bromley Oxnam



Dear Kirby: I don't expect you  
to remember me — the  
cartoonist at Clemson University  
S.P.S. — but I do want to  
express my admiration for your  
intellectual integrity & spiritual  
zeal & power. Your spirit &  
words have stayed with me.

I do hope you will soon  
will in "Fellowship." I'm so  
glad that "Q.J. has joined Kevin S.

May I include you in my  
spiritual fellowship & may <sup>2</sup>  
be apprenticed in yours?

I wish my youth & strength  
& voice could help you be  
strong when rightfully  
exhausted. You must rest!

My love to you & Mrs. Page  
& through you to your fellowship.

9/28/40      Hester R. Uiring  
Auditor, Newton Theolog. Sch.  
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# Community Church of San Marino

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September 30, 1940

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

Several of my ministerial friends who were with me when we visited your home with Charles Hulac on July 27th asked me to write to you. We gained so much intellectual headway when we were with you and your family that we were desirous of coming again, if it is convenient for you.

We are all more or less bothered by the impending conscription registration to which we are all subject. We have had to discuss our bewildering situation among ourselves, and we should like very much to get your interpretation. This is the particular reason why we wish to discuss with you.

All of us being ministers we like to break away from our parishes particularly on Mondays. As we considered this idea today, the date of Monday, October 14th presented itself as very desirable, in the afternoon, say, 1:30. Would such a time be an imposition on you, sir? And would you prefer to meet us at one of our homes? Or at La Habra?

This group includes about five ministers. Each of us has a wife and several, if not all, of them would like to participate.

Don't let us encroach on any thing in your schedule which may be more important, but we shall count it a privilege to meet you again and to face the issues of the moment at any place you shall designate.

Cordially yours,

*Ralph C. Shanks*

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Mr. Kirby Page,  
Box 247,  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

Your new book sounds marvelous. I certainly look forward to it.

Regarding the names and addresses of individuals who may be helpful in arranging meetings for me, I will, of course, be profoundly grateful for anything you can suggest. But I didn't mean that I expected you to take a lot of time to send me too many detailed names. Do you know of any general lists that one can get hold of to circularize, and that would be useful? I am planning to take dates in the eastern part of the country until January 1st; during January in the Middle West; from February 1st to March 15th again in the East; and from the 15th of March to the middle of April, if enough engagements can be worked out, to go to the West Coast.

Affectionately,



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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY- Members and friends of this church will unite this morning with Christian believers around the world in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. Identical services will be held at 9:30 and 11:00 A.M. so that all may take Communion without hurrying or prolonging the service. The Keystone, Brotherhood, Wesleyan, Loyal Workers and Fidelis classes have been asked to hold their regular church school session at 9:30, and attend the 11:00 A.M. Communion Service.

MEN'S CHORUS- All men who love to sing are asked to be present at 6:30 in the Sanctuary this evening for a short rehearsal. We would like all the men of the church to sing in the Men's Chorus this evening. Will you come?

THE NEW YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES CLASS will meet for the first time this morning at 10:30 in the classroom above the Parish House. All young married couples between the ages of 20 and 30 are cordially invited to attend.

THE CALLING CLUB will meet on Wednesday at 1:30 in the Chapel. Dr. Oechsli will lead devotions and Mrs. Ann Lynes will preside at the meeting.

PATHFINDERS SEWING CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday with Florence Harwick and Louise Crandell at 2801 West Main St.

MID-WEEK PRAYER SERVICE- The topic for the Wednesday evening prayer service will be "Practicing the Presence Of God", seeking to find ways of making God more real in our lives. The minister cordially invites you to attend.

LOYAL WORKERS CLASS will meet on Thursday at 2 o'clock in the Parish House. Mrs. Cattermole will preside at the business session and Miss Blanche Gould will offer devotions. Mrs. Ethel Worth will present an interesting program, followed by an informal social hour and tea.

SAVE THESE DATES

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CLUB- First fall meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15th at 6:30 in the Social Hall. Dr. Osgood Hardy will speak on "The New Pan-Americanism". Special entertainment.

W.S.C.S. STUDY GROUP begins at our church on October 15th. District meeting at Pomona on October 18th.

# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1940

LEONARD OECHSLI, Minister

MARVIN JOHNSON, Assistant Minister

FRANCES CHATEM, Organist-Director

ADELENE WOOSTER, Office Secretary

WORLD COMMUNION SERVICE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1940

9:30 and 11:00 A. M.

ORGAN MINISTRY- Chorale Prelude on  
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" -Noble

INVOCATION-

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 1- "Holy, Holy, Holy!" -Heber

CALL TO WORSHIP- (Choral response)

THE COLLECT- (By all the people, seated and bowed)

"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

SILENT PRAYER-

WORDS OF ASSURANCE-

THE LORD'S PRAYER-

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THE BEATITUDES- Page 526 (Congregation join in responses)

GLORIA PATRI-

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ANTHEM- "God So Loved the World" -Stainer

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OFFERTORY- "Ave Verum Jesu" -Gounod

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING- (Congregation standing)

DOXOLOGY- (Choir and people)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION-

COMMUNION MEDITATION- -REVEREND LEONARD OECHSLI

"THE BEAUTY AND POWER OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP"

HYMN NO. 197- "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing Outside the Door"

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE- -Ritual, Page 528

(Congregation unite in responses)

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN- -POSTLUDE

IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, the congregation will be seated for prayer. The congregation is invited to join with the choir in singing the Sanctus ("—therefore with angels and archangels—", Page 584). The Communion Service concludes with the choir and congregation singing "The Gloria In Excelsis", this age-old hymn of praise to God. (588)

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE - 7:30

ORGAN MINISTRY- "Temple March" -Vincent  
"Pastorale" -Guilmant

HYMN NO. 67- "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" -Luther

CALL TO WORSHIP-

SILENT MEDITATION-

THE ORGAN-

PRAYER- (By all the people, seated and bowed)

"Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; kindle, we pray Thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility Thy kingdom may go forward till the earth is filled with the knowledge of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

MEN'S CHORUS- "All Hail the Power" (Diadem) -Ellor

SCRIPTURE READING-

PRAYER-

OFFERTORY- "Chant D'Mour" -Granfield

HYMN NO. 267- "Rise Up, O Men Of God!" (first tune) -Merrill

SERMON- DR. KIRBY PAGE

CLOSING HYMN NO. 263- "Once To Every Man and Nation" -Lowell

CLOSING MEDITATION-

THE ORGAN-

BENEDICTION-

POSTLUDE- "Hanover" -Croft

EVENING SERVICE- We welcome to our pulpit this evening DR. KIRBY PAGE, noted author, lecturer, and minister. Dr. Page is one of the great prophetic voices of our time. Through his speaking and writing, he is helping men and women to re-think Christianity in terms of a world brotherhood. We count this a real opportunity and urge you to join us at this service.

YOUR SUPPORT makes it possible for us to have outstanding evening services such as this one. If it is your desire that we have other prominent speakers from time to time, you can make that desire known through your offering.

251 S. Allen St.  
State College Pa.  
Oct 6, 1940

Dear Kirby Page,

This fall I transferred from DePauw University in Indiana to Penn State so that I could teach in Pennsylvania, my home state.

But since I have been here, I have become more and more bewildered about the question of peace.

At school we had a very strong organization called DePauw Students Against War affiliated with Youth Committee Against War and in contact with other national organizations. Even before I came to DePauw, the ROTC had been abolished there.

Christians resist actively! to save all that is Christian in the world today. And he seemed very sincere about it.

I still feel that to resist actively would be to destroy Christianity; that in a war everything that is unchristian and immoral is upheld for the sake of patriotism, and that nothing could therefore be gained.

But, I have only read your older books Must We Go To War? published in 1937 and others Creative Peacemaking etc. And I have not heard you speak since the present conflict in Europe really came to a head.

What I want to know is, is my pacifistic philosophy now too idealistic and outmoded when such a threat as Hitler exists today? But

if pacifism is real and Christian, will it not work in any circumstances?

If my beliefs are still justifiable and practicable in the world

A large delegation of us from De Pauw heard you speak at the Indiana Christian Student Conference at Bloomington several years ago.

Now, here at State everything is different. I see uniforms everywhere I look, and everyone takes for granted that the thing to do is to build up a very very strong defense. Every department in the school is talking about their share, defense, almost as though we were already in the war. In fact in an editorial in the Collegian, student daily, one writer said, "A word in closing. We have talked a bit as though the Second World War was over. It is. we are in it to the end."

Today in the Student Class at Wesley Foundation, the leader emphasized the fact that even Christ had righteous indignation during the test of money-changers in the temple. He said we must as

today, I would appreciate  
it very much if you could  
find any time from your very  
busy life to send me a  
few suggestions as to what I  
might do <sup>toward peace</sup> on a campus which  
seems to be so militaristic.

I will appreciate very  
much hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Hawe

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT  
CENTRAL BRANCH, CHAPEL AND HOWE STREETS

October 7, 1940

Dear Kirby:

Am enclosing the first set of quotations. I hope they will be of some help. I've discovered that there is no easy way to just go pick them out. But I've enjoyed the work getting acquainted with a good deal more bibliography; also for the first time have used the Sterling Library stacks-- some pile of books, WOW!

I had a pleasant, brief chat with Arnold Wolfers. He was quite interested in what you were doing now and seemed pleased to have me ask him for suggestions. His reference to the Schmidt-Grabowsky book seemed to prove quite a gold mine. At least it seemed so to me. You will notice that the bulk of the material is from this work. They have collected a good deal of material. You might be interested in the sequel of theirs to "The Problem of Disarmament"; it is titled Disarmament and Equal Rights and follows the first chronologically, taking developments up to Hitler. I looked it over, but found nothing for direct quoting; you might well do so, notwithstanding!

Arnold's assistant, Mr. Blum was helpful in making available their files in his office in the Grad School. I found a little there, but not so much.

Work is coming along fine here. I'm glad that I have plenty to keep me busy; it saves much on the worrying, &c. Daily times of meditation and prayer have proved very helpful and effective already.-- getting the old "arguer" under control. I look forward with eager anticipation to the Friends' conference this week-end at Northampton. I presume Mary has shown you a copy of the program.

Our FOR group is really in dead earnest and we are really building a fellowship that will have source-power radiating from it. Your thought and spirit are a constant inspiration and help to our group, not only implicitly expressed, but very often explicitly. They, or we, all are anticipating the new book greatly. What a grand experience it has been!!

I shall send at least one more set of quotes; I have two more good references at least. One is the Documents of International Affairs, of the Royal Institute, edited by Wheeler-Bennet; the other is some ~~British~~ labor party book pamphlets opposing rearmament.

English

Look forward to seeing you around Thanksgiving.

Godspeed in your work on the book and the lecture tour.

Affectionately,

Love & regards to the  
whole family! W.R.

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Dr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, California

My dear Dr. Page:

Remembering our conversation at Winona Lake and taking account of intervening events, I am wondering whether you would be willing to write an article for me on great pacifists of history. No doubt, your studies have brought together much material on this theme. At a time when pacifists and pacifism are not particularly popular, it seems to me that this would be a strategic approach to the whole problem.

If you agree, and if you can do this favor for us in time for our Armistice Day Number, I would need it by October 21. If you prefer to give it a Christmas slant, I would like to have it by December 5.

Very truly yours,

*T. Otto Nall*

ton/mj

Wenatchee, Wash.

October 8, 1940

Dear Mr. Page:

I'm desirous of obtaining and learning all of the good reasons why a follower of Christ--one who is trying to follow his example--should not participate in war.

In your judgement, how far would he have one go in "cooperating" in the war effort. October's Scribner's Commentator has an interesting article entitled, "Soldiers are Sissies," in which the author says there are three classes of Conscientious Objectors: 1. Refuse to do anything, even pay taxes or do private labor, arguing that by so doing they ~~pre~~lease someone else to fight; 2, Agree to labor under civil, not military, supervisors; 3, Agree to do any non-combatant work such as hospitalization, mine sweeping, etc.

I and others who follow your views would be interested in a letter or some pamphlet you might have along this line. If you send pamphlet, let me know how much it is.

Very truly yours,  
*Virgil Billingsley*

October 10, 1940

My dear Mr. Nall:

I am sorry indeed that I cannot respond to your request because I am now in the last stages of completion of the manuscript of my new book "Living Prayerfully." This will keep me busily engaged until I leave on October 24 for an eight weeks' speaking tour across the country. This means that it is wholly impracticable for me to do any additional writing within the limit of your requirement.

May I suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Devere Allen, Wilton, Connecticut. He is admirably equipped to do the article. You are, of course, probably familiar with his THE FIGHT FOR PEACE. Do try me again when I am under less pressure.

Cordially yours,

Dr. T. Otto Nall  
1121 McGee Street  
Kansas City, Mo.

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YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

KANSAS STATE COLLEGE

MANHATTAN, KANSAS

ERMA MURRAY  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

October 11, 1940.

Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

Rev. B.A. Rogers has asked me to write to you since he is out of town for a few days. We have set up the tentative program for your three days with us and would like to suggest the following topics which the committee selected for your main meetings. For the three night meetings these are:

Sunday—"If Christians were really Christian."—both adult and young people  
Monday—"How Can we Defend American Democracy."—young people

Tuesday—"Practicing the Presence of God."—young people

For two one-hour discussion hours we would like to suggest these two topics on which you could talk 30 to 40 minutes and leave the remainder of the hour for questions and discussion.

Monday—"The Challenge of Religion to Youth."

Tuesday—"Religion's Answer to Totalitarianism."

We would like to have you on the campus available for interviews between the hours of 10 to 12 on Monday and Tuesday. On Sunday we are scheduling two morning sessions in churches and an informal meeting for the officers of youth groups for the afternoon. We want the young people who are leading these groups to have a chance to talk and discuss with you in a small group. All of these plans are subject to your approval or disapproval.

Some of our organized houses have asked about having you for luncheon and dinner. Would you prefer to have mealtimes free? We want to know what you wish to do. We will be glad to make hotel arrangements for you if you desire.

When you get your schedule worked out and can give us the time of your train arrival, we can arrange for someone to meet you if it is possible.

I know you may have more questions about the whole program. We will also send you a printed copy soon. Many of us are getting very enthused over your visit to our campus.

Sincerely yours,

*Erma Murray*  
Erma Murray

LIST

October 11, 1940

My dear Elisabeth Howe:

*Send me*  
I was glad indeed to get your good letter and appreciate the frankness with which you have written. How I wish we could have a long talk together about these important questions. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my pamphlet HOW TO KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR. Beginning about page 65 you will find a discussion of the religious aspect of the problem.

I suggest that you write to the Fellowship of Reconciliation at 2929 Broadway, New York City, and ask them to send you various leaflets and pamphlets about the problem of conscientious objectors.

The secretary of the Christian Association on your campus, Harry Seamans, is an intimate friend of mine. I think you would find it worthwhile to seek an interview with him about the problem. You will find him most responsive.

Do keep me in touch with your plans.

Cordially yours,

Miss Elisabeth Howe  
251 S. Allen St.  
State College, Pa.

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WALTER M. HORTON  
DEPARTMENT OF  
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Oct. 11, 1940.

Mr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:-

Your letter of Sept 5th came while I was still on my way back from a trip to South America. Now that the smoke has cleared away after the opening of college, I look about me and find that I have four short prayers recently written for the World Student Christian Federation Bible Study for August. Here they are, with the Bible texts from ICor. attached.

Cordially yours,

*Walter M. Horton*

Walter M. Horton

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Oct. 11, 1940

Dear Kirby,

My book on Capitalism and its Culture has sold 8,000 copies and will soon go into a third edition. I have found it extraodinarily effective in changing the attitudes of students. It is not easy to change the minds of men in one lecture but scores of them have written me that after reading this book their whole attitude was changed. This applies even to some business men.

The reason I mention all this is that altho the book has been steadily selling to retail at \$3.00 I can get the book in the new edition to sell at one dollar. It is a book of 556 pages so that isn't bad. I thought that possibly you might like to distribute some copies of the book as you lecture at the dollar rate. I can send as many copies as you wish at one dollar each postpaid.

If you have written any thing recently on the war issue I should be glad to have it. Of course I have your booklet put out last year.

Cordially,



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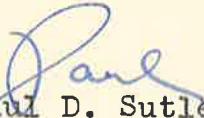
Dear Kerby:

Once again I am engaged in the process of contacting individuals who may be able to come to our campus this year for speaking engagement. It was the feeling of a large number of individuals that your stay here last year was entirely a success and that we should by all means try to have you come back this year. And if there was ever a time when we needed increased peace pressures, individual and otherwise, it is now. So Kerby I am writing you with the sincere hope that you can arrange to be with us.

I was very happy to have had the opportunity of meeting your wife last spring and I am looking forward to meeting your entire family. I hope that you had a very interesting and profitable summer experience, and have often wondered how you were making out on your new book.

Personal regards and best wishes to you all.

Very sincerely,

  
Paul D. Sutley  
Executive Secretary

PDS:pf

October 12, 1940

My dear Mr. Billingsley:

Your important letter is at hand and I am keenly interested in the questions you have raised. I suggest you write to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, 2929 Broadway, New York City, and ask them to send you the little pamphlet about conscientious objectors. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my pamphlet "How To Keep America Out of War." Beginning on about page 65 you will find a discussion of the religious aspects of the problem. If I were of draft age I would register and request national service under civil direction.

I hope that you will keep me in touch with your plans.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Kirby Billingsley  
Wenatchee, Wash.

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To F.O.R. Council and Staff Members:

Dear Friends,

Latest reports from Washington indicate that the Administration may turn over the entire matter of civilian service for conscientious objectors who will take that and who cannot take either combatant or non-combatant service, to the American Friends Service Committee. The Friends prefer, if they undertake this, not to take government money. We in the F.O.R. office tend to believe that this is a sound position for pacifists. It is estimated that an initial administrative expense of \$100,000 would be involved in caring for conscientious objectors coming under the provision in the period just ahead. The Friends have indicated that they are prepared to assume responsibility for this item.

In addition, more or less formal indications have been given by the Quakers, Mennonites, and Brethren that they will put up for each of their C.O. members taking such civilian service the sum of \$300, which will be required to care for such an individual for one year.

The question is whether the Fellowship is prepared to do something for its members. The number of people involved would probably be small, since in the first place it is not likely that very large numbers of conscientious objectors will be called in the first draft, because all indications are that the total needing to be called in that first draft in order to fill the army quota will probably be small. In the second place, a very considerable percentage of our members of draft age are members of either peace churches or other churches, such as the Methodists, who are likely to undertake this maintenance responsibility for their conscientious objectors on civilian service.

Nevin and I are stating to Paul French, who is the clearing officer in Washington between the pacifist organizations and the Administration, that the Fellowship will assume the moral responsibility to seek to raise this amount for those of its conscientious objector members who are not otherwise taken care of. We believe that in a considerable number of instances this would be the kind of project in which our local groups ought to share; but that certainly we would be placed in a poor position if we were not prepared to undertake our moral responsibility in this matter. We will not commit ourselves to legal responsibility until we have heard from you on this matter and the Executive Committee has had an opportunity to discuss it carefully. We shall also make an effort as soon after Registration Day as possible to get an idea as to how many persons might be involved.

Will you at your earliest convenience send me any comments and suggestions you have on this and related matters?

To F.O.R. Council and Staff Members - Page 2

Another question has been raised in this connection, namely whether the F.O.R. might itself set up some work project (of the kind, for example, that some of our leading Southern members proposed some weeks ago) or whether we should leave the administration of these national work projects to the American Friends Service Committee.

In the past, the policy of the Fellowship has been not to undertake executive or administrative responsibility for such projects, but to encourage individuals or groups in the Fellowship to do so, giving them our moral and spiritual support. Nevin and I are disposed to think that in the main we had better continue this policy. We think that a division of labor in the pacifist field is sound, and that in the main the great experience, numerous contacts, etcetera, of the A.F.S.C. in this field should be utilized by the F.O.R. and other pacifist organizations. On the other hand, the F.O.R. will have to be the spearhead to a considerable degree of pacifist policy, acting as a ferment in this respect even in the Society of Friends, carrying the main brunt of religious pacifist propaganda, encouraging the development of local pacifist projects by our groups, etcetera.

We have occasionally heard of Fellowship members who believe, however, that it would greatly strengthen the morale of the Fellowship if there were some national project of this kind in which we are engaged.

This particular problem may not be very urgent if the Government does decide, as above indicated, to turn this entire job over to the A.F.S.C. It would be helpful, however, to us and to the Executive Committee if you would, as promptly as possible, send along any comments you have on this point.

With comradely greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

*A. J. Muste*

A. J. Muste, Secretary.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DANA, DURANT, CHANNING  
BERKELEY - - CALIFORNIA

October 15, 1940

Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

I am sorry to be so long in replying to your letter of September 5. I have been caught in the press of unusual work. I am enclosing the prayer for which you asked, and hope it will be suitable for the volume which you are planning to publish. I am happy to make this small contribution to the great work which you are doing in preparing this excellent devotional material.

We are continuing our union Sunday evening service during the present year. Seven churches and four divinity schools are cooperating in this movement. We shall be delighted to have you as one of the speakers if you are planning to be in Berkeley during any Sunday evening of the present year. If you have plans in this direction I wish that you would notify me at your earliest convenience.

With my sincere personal greetings, I am

Cordially yours,

*Vere*

Vere V. Loper



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Vigil Service  
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New York City  
October 16, 1940

Lester R. Vining  
Andover Newton Theolog. Sch.  
Newton Centre, Mass.  
Oct. 16, 1940

To whom it may concern:

On this day of Registration, please consider this statement of a Conscientious Objector to war, to the war program, and, at the moment, the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. Allow me to explain why this conscientious conviction prevents me from participating in the prescribed, formal Registration, as such; and military training and service--on the grounds of scholastic and professional classification as a theological student and licensed preacher.

As a Christian, my conscience is my highest and final court of appeal. In this instance, my conscience is torn by temptations to compromise. Yet, the weight of my Christian conviction dictates that I must refuse to cooperate with this Federal Legislation. I can do other. I would like to cooperate with much of the procedure within the Act--on the grounds of its seemingly democratic intent--, but I cannot participate within the Act without seeming to endorse the Act and to thus subscribe to its legality in the light of Christian principles of democratic ends. I keenly appreciate the dilemma for both Administrators of this Act and for myself--and other Conscientious Objectors. It is my hope that this statement will be accepted by the Administrators of this Act in place of Registration; and be considered as no evasion of said Registration. This hope is my conviction.

I am unable to accept simple exemption from military training and service on the grounds of scholastic and professional classification as a theological student and licensed preacher. This objection rests on my conviction that my conscience, guided by the Christian revelation, is my primary and common ground for exemption from said Act, rather than my scholastic and professional classification.

I desire to further the Christian 'Way of Life' along the principle of Redemptive Love--as revealed by Christ, and as continually revealed by all individuals who seek to do His will in Holy obedience to the preventient guidance of the Holy Spirit. To participate in war or the war program would be to willfully deny the preventient guidance of the Holy Spirit. I must obey my highest loyalty, first. In so far as I can carry out this instrumentality to His will within the framework of State and Government, I will do so. Then I cannot, I must obey the dictates of that State and Government, God help me.

*dis*  
I have signified to the American Friends Service Committee my willingness to serve under their direction, either now or later. Until such time as they may call me, I shall be continuing my study at the above address. I entreat you to consideration, and await your decision.

Very respectfully yours,

Lester R. Vining

VINCENT G. BURNS  
State College, Pa.

Oct. 17th, 1940

Dear Kirby:-

I have just run across your fine book 'Living Creatively', and would like very much to have an autographed copy. If you'll send me one, I'll be glad to respond with an autographed copy of my 'I'm In Love With Life'. If you get up this way look me up. I live at 157 West Prospect avenue here.

Trusting to hear from you, I am,  
Fraternally yours,

*V.G. Burns*

Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

October 18, 1940

My dear Mr. French:

I am greatly distressed to discover that your good letter got buried and has only now been unearthed. It should have been answered long ago. I quite understand the situation and have no doubt that your decision is fully warranted by the turn of events. I remember my former visit with very great pleasure. Please remember me cordially to your wife.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Arden O. French  
Louisiana State University YMCA  
Box 3596  
University, La.

KP:MK

October 18, 1940

Dear Vere:

Thanks for your note. The prayer was not enclosed, but I presume it is coming under separate cover. I am eager to see it.

There is a probability that I will be in Northern California in the spring. I will let you know my exact movements as soon as possible. It is kind indeed of you to suggest that I speak at your Sunday evening services.

The new book will be finished within ten days.  
Hurrah and hallelujah!

As ever,

Rev. Vere V. Loper  
First Congregational Church  
Berkeley, California

KP:MK

Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

October 18, 1940

Dear Paul:

It was nice to get your letter. I am afraid that it will not be possible for me to come to Oregon during the present academic year because my schedule takes me in other directions. When I do come it will be a pleasure to see you again. Carry on!

Cordially yours,

Mr. Paul D. Sutley  
University of Oregon YMCA  
Eugene, Oregon

KP:MK

Topeka Kansas,

October 18, 1940

Dr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

We want you to know how much your cheerful and stimulating message written to your friends during the summer has meant to us. We find that very often being a member of an unpopular minority becomes a very lonely business, and therefor a word from like minded persons has even more meaning than usual.

Here in Topeka on October 16 a handful of us met at noon for an hour to pray and counsel with one another. We will so continue for some time and give at that time what we can to the hungry of Europe.

May you continue to look for ways for making a brave new world. Know that we think of you and speak of you here very often.

Very sincerely,

1260 Plass Ave.,  
Topeka

*Malvina Jessell*  
*Leo L. Jessell*

October 18, 1940

Dear Jerome:

It was good to get your letter. I am delighted to know that your book has sold so well and that a third edition is soon to appear.

Experience has convinced me that it is better to concentrate on the sale of one or two books in connection with my meetings. For that reason I am putting on sale a single volume, RELIGIOUS RESOURCES. This enables me to concentrate on promotion and increases the sale. I am glad to know, however, that your book is coming out in a dollar edition.

Within ten days I hope to complete the manuscript of my new book, "Living Prayerfully," and hope to have it off the press in January.

How I wish that we could have good visit together.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Jerome Davis  
489 Ocean Ave.  
West Haven, Conn.

KP, MK

NEBRASKA PEACE COUNCIL  
LEON THOMSON, Executive Sec'y  
2614 South 11th Lincoln, Nebr.

October 20, 1940

My dear Kirby:

I wanted you to have a copy of the statement I gave to the local registration board last week. Altho I did not court publicity, it drew stories in dailies in this area, when the county clerk released it to the reporters on the courthouse beat.

After all, you are one of the persons who have influenced me toward a more adequate grasp of pacifism. Although I did not actually wonder what you would have done, now that it is past I surmise that probably you would have done the same thing if you were of my age. Am I correct?

Muste and ~~Shumaker~~ Smucker have full information on my action. Now I am going to avoid undue talk about it and continue with my normal work -- which is my wish.

I hope all is well with you.

Cordially yours,

Leon

named by petition, but only by party conventions.

The district attorney relayed information about me to Washington. A North Platte dishwasher was jailed for not registering, but apparently he did not appear at the polls. . . . By the way, we had a meeting here for Norman Thomas at the YMCA. With 36 hours notice, we had 150 persons there, despite the fact that Norman's plane was 2 hours late and people waited 45 minutes beyond ordinary time. . . . I assisted in the petition campaign for the Socialists here, but even tho we got the 1000 names, a technicality keeps the party off the ballot. Presidential electors are not to be

October 23, 1940

Dear Lester:

Your important letter of October 16 is at hand and I am keenly interested in what you have written. I readily understand your reasons for being unwilling to register. How I wish that we could have a long talk together about this important question. My own attitude can be summarized briefly. If I were of draft age I would be unwilling to accept any form of military service even of a noncombatant character. I would however be willing to render national service under civilian administration. Especially if this service could be rendered under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee or some other religious body. Since the present draft law explicitly offers the possibility of national service under civilian direction, I would register for the draft, if I were of draft age, and would request service under the Quakers. If this were refused I would be willing to render service under the Department of Forestry, Department of Agriculture or some other civilian agency of the government.

Personally I do not object to the principle of compulsory service for the state of a non-military character. There may be need for a national draft to carry forward slum clearance and a hundred other social services. My objection therefore is not to the draft but to military service in all of its branches.

Far more serious than registering for the draft and selecting national service under civilian direction is the payment of heavy taxes for military expenditures. The appropriation of fifteen billion dollars for armed preparedness seems to me to be a much longer step in the direction of fascism than the adoption of the draft with its three-fold possibilities of ~~refuse~~ <sup>refuse</sup> service. That is to say, that if I felt inclined to register for the draft I think I would also refuse to pay taxes for war purposes. I cannot give my consent to refuse to pay taxes even though the money is expended by the government in ways that seem to me to be highly dangerous. If I paid taxes only to a government with those policies I am in complete agreement it would of course be impossible to pay any taxes, therefore, I draw the line at military service of any kind either as a combatant or as a member of the armed forces assigned to non-combatant service.

I realize of course that Pacifists are sharply divided in their judgments as to just where the line should be drawn. I do not

Lester R. Vining:

maintain that my position is the only sound one, it merely represents the best judgment that I have been able to reach.

Do keep me in touch with developments and remember that you have my confidence and affection.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Lester R. Vining  
Andover Newton Theological School  
Newton Centre, Mass.

KP:MK

October 23, 1940

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Leon Thomson:

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Do keep me in touch with developments and remember that you have my confidence and affection.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Leon Thomson  
2614 South 11th  
Lincoln, Nebr.

KP:MR

October 21, 1940

Dear A.J.:

I am keenly interested in your memorandum of October 14. I agree with you and Nevin that it is better for the Fellowship not to attempt to enter the administrative field, but to leave this task to the American Friends Service Committee.

Surely the Fellowship should come to the financial aid of our members who need the \$300 required to keep them in civilian service. I have no doubt that local groups will assume responsibility.

On Thursday I am leaving for an eight weeks' speaking tour across the country and hope to see you while in New York. Carry on!

Cordially yours,

Mr. A. J. Juste  
2929 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

KP:MK

Lester R. Vining  
Andover Newton T.S.  
Newton Centre, Mass.  
Oct. 24, 1940

Kirby Page  
La Habre, Cal.

My dear Kirby:

On the evening of Oct. 23, 1940, I registered under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

I shall endeavor to discipline myself to a more Christian stability; and stand firmly with fellow C.O.'s.

I believe that the position of the technical non-registrant is still valid--for those who see it. I further hold that Christian conscience is the common basis for objection to war and the war program.

Very truly yours,

Lester

Nov 4, 1940

Mr Verne Hedge, Chairman  
Draft Board No. 2  
Park School  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mr Hedge:

October 29 I received your notice setting today as final to "register" under the conscription act. In a sense I am sorry nothing has entered the picture to erase the ambiguity of the law, which I believe prohibits my beliefs, for it means that my original affirmation to your Board still holds.

To the best of my ability I registered October 16 as the Government directed, not only presenting myself and leaving requested information, but also setting forth in a careful statement why I felt the law prevented me from filling out the official forms. I explained that an adequate law would have recognized the full scope of conscientious belief, rather than according recognition only to three general fields of belief. With the Senate approving 41 amendments to the original bill, it seems a coincidence that the proposal did not pass which would legalize convictions such as mine; but my religion is not restricted merely because Congress does not pass adequate legislation.

Today I received a reply to my October 24 inquiry of Attorney-General Jackson relative to subsequent regulations interpreting the act. It said that ". . . by registering you do not waive any of your rights . . . and do not in any way compromise your conscientious beliefs," but it failed to offer any legal evidence. I feel such generalizations are unsatisfactory. No word from my church or national fellowship headquarters yet points to a path I regard as better than my present one.

If anything, subsequent events have underwritten the wisdom of my course. An interesting fact about adverse reactions to my position is people's protest against pacifism of any sort. They -- and you gentlemen of the Draft Board -- disbelieve "registration is mere routine devoid of significance in itself," for observers sense instinctively that "non-registration" is a challenge to militarism. Hence, most questions addressed to me are not apropos of my technical demurrer, but are leveled at the whole philosophy of Christian pacifism. This is meaningful and fortifies my confidence that my religious understanding is not awry.

Certain prominent attorneys are assembling argument that the draft act is unconstitutional, that it is not consonant with the American philosophy of government. Of special import to me is the fact the Constitution pledges unfettered religious freedom. The conscription law limits conscience; at that point it is invalid.

Astounding is the oft-expressed attitude that a person should not demur at a majority verdict on this issue. Congress passed the law, the argument goes. Congress is the keeper of majority opinion. That is final, until the law is repealed. You draft board men echoed this. This implies that a person has no right to moral judgment apart from the majority.

The social conscience is not so much a body of authoritative moral laws as of traditional ways of acting and feeling. The legitimate democratic conviction that the majority must rule comes in time to mean that its decisions are eternally right and any revolt against them is, therefore, morally reprehensible. This country was founded by Europeans who left home because they wanted religious freedom that was denied, in part, by being forced into kings' armies. We have rejected a political absolutism of that kind to find refuge under the metaphysical absolutism of majority rule. The psychological effects of this regard for the opinions of the multitude are simply incalculable in their subtlety and power.

The only basis upon which a free people can rest their political loyalties is the conscious and reasoned convictions of the average man. This suggests that equity is more fundamental to democracy than popular sovereignty. That we are in an imperfect stage of social evolution does not detract from the force of a moral imperative; this always generates in the personal moral will.

I am not asking my Government to be pacifist, for I am not justified in imposing my will on my fellowmen; but I am asking that my Government permit me to be a pacifist, for my fellowmen have no right to enforce their philosophy on me. This is fundamental to understanding why I gladly answer roll-call, thereby certifying my belief in the existence of the State, while simultaneously refusing to re-channel my energies into enterprise that, to me, is immoral. I am eager to serve in constructive processes.

I genuinely appreciate the courtesy and fine fellowship you and your colleagues have extended to me in our matter of mutual concern. You have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,  
*Leon Thomson*

(See reverse side)

NEBRASKA PEACE COUNCIL  
2614 South 11th Leon Thomson, Executive Sec'y Lincoln, Nebr.

October 24, 1940

Attorney-General Robert Jackson  
United States Government  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Regarding my case as one who submitted a sworn statement to the Registration Board October 16 in lieu of filling out official forms provided for compulsory service, a public hearing was held here yesterday by Draft Board No. 2 for nearly two hours. I submitted material in addition to my initial statement and responded to questions. It was my hope to make as clear as possible my deep conviction that compulsory military and compulsory labor service are equally beyond my religion.

I am acquainted with all men on the draft board and was accorded the hearing in finest fellowship. Naturally they wished me to "register", although they confessed I thereby would face some sort of service. While I appreciated their sentiments, I maintained that the law as I understood it made no provision for one of my belief and that by registration I would commit myself to forced work specified in the law. To my mind, German labor battalions and American labor squads -- all under compulsion and under threat of heavy penalty -- are similar in their fundamental invasion of man's freedom. Compulsory clerical work is in the same category.

In my initial statement October 16 I indicated I would be glad to register under a law such as the British, which recognizes the complete scope of conscientious objection. I re-stated that yesterday. Without a spirit of stubbornness, I do feel that any genuine conscientious objector should have full rights under law, and not be threatened with prison or abdicating his convictions simply because his moral judgment is not recognized within the confinements of existing law. I honestly think the present law isolates my case from the limited discretions vested in my draft board, which must assign me either to military or to labor service or, by indirection, to prison.

The moment I am assured that the draft board, or the proper agency, has the legal right to exempt an individual as an "absolutist" from compulsory service, I will register. I understand such a possibility is a pending regulation; i.e., that certain men may be assigned to their own jobs as of "national importance," as English tribunals have done in some 1500 cases. Is that correct? I wish to cooperate with my government in every way so long as it makes provision for men of my tenets. It is a corollary that I feel obligated to my present "non-registration" stand until, as I think it accurate to say, my religious devotion is legally admissible.

May I hear from you on this matter?

Respectfully yours,

Leon Thomson

Leon Thomson

SHERWOOD EDDY  
52 VANDERBILT AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

Berkeley, California  
October 24, 1940

Dear Kirby:

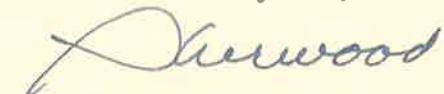
I am now on the Pacific Coast and hope to have a chance to see you if you are now in Southern California. I shall be at Allan Hunter's from October 30th to November 6th, and am speaking at the following places:

Nov. 2 - 12:30 noon - Women's University Club, Los Angeles,  
Nov. 4 - 10 a.m. - Long Beach Junior College,  
Nov. 6 - afternoon - Council of Jewish Women,  
214 Loma Drive, Los Angeles.

I am leaving on the night of the 6th for engagements in the colleges of the Rocky Mountain region, then going to a meeting of the Trustees on our Farms in Mississippi, then to New York arriving about November 25th.

If you are in California we must get together at Allan Hunter's house or elsewhere.

Ever yours,



Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

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First Methodist Church  
EIGHTH AND HOPE STREETS  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

October 24, 1940

Mr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California.

Dear Kirby Page:

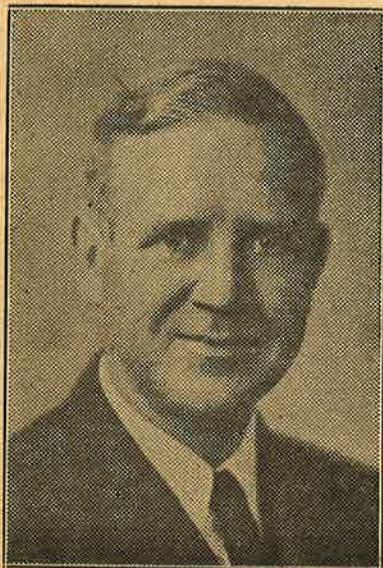
Thank you very much for your warm welcome to California and your gracious invitation to meet with a small group of friends on either December 27, 28 or 30th. The only possibility that I would have would be for December 30th, and it might be necessary for me to ask you to excuse me on that date as well. It so happens that a number of college presidents are to be in town in late December, planning for a January meeting, and I have made tentative dates with several of them which I feel obligated to hold. Let me put my preference down for the 30th and I will endeavor to the very best of my ability to hold it down.

I feel a very deep need for just the sort of thing you have suggested and I am hoping that it will be possible for me to be with you.

With every kind personal wish, I am,

Very cordially yours,

*Daniel H. Tippett*



# HEAR! Kirby Page

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Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, Cal.

Dear Kirby:

We have completed arrangements for the meeting in Riverside Church, New York City, and I have a check covering the expenses advanced by the Church.

They have agreed that we may feel free to make a written appeal for the American Friends Service Committee and to hand it to the people who attend the meeting. What I contemplate is handing each person a pledge card, a guaranteed postage return envelop, one of the enclosed folders on the Peace Section, and I would also like to attach to this at the top a letter (multigraphed) with your signature stamped on it telling the people that there will be no appeal made for funds at the meeting but that you hope they will consider making a contribution to the work of the American Friends Service Committee, Peace Section.

You do not need to write this letter now. That can be written after I see you in Meadville on November 6. But I would like to have you send us, if you can, five hundred sheets of your personal stationary upon which this letter may be written. Thanks if you can cooperate on this.

Very sincerely,



E. A. Schaal

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October 25, 1940

Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

You do get about! I have travelled about 16,000 miles myself this year. My yardage probably equals yours, but not my wordage. Mott and Slack are about to send me off to Italy, again, in December, and, in any case, I have two more fairly long trips to make in this country.

I feel that my efforts, and know that yours are not to be measured either in yards or words. I am so very, very, very glad that you have not been put in a concentration camp yet. The fellows at 29-39 have drafted me for service on Council and Exec, for which I am naturally grateful as it obliges me to keep in touch with good friends.

It looks as though the job with my denomination would not materialize. I am not quite sure whether it is not enough money or not enough job. At any rate, I am temporarily busy and am not sure that there is anything permanent in this shifting contemporary scene, as far as vocation is concerned. It is not pleasant to have my office 900 miles away from my family, but last year it was 5,000. Next year --

More serious thoughts must be reserved for that long desired tete-a-tete.

Yours sincerely,

*Claud.*

Claud Nelson

*n/s*

October 26, 1940

Dear Buell:

Since writing to you earlier it has seemed advisable to change my plans and it now appears unlikely that I will be in Alabama within the next few months. I am sorry indeed that I will not get to see you soon.

You will be interested to know that I have just sent the manuscript of the new book "Living Prayerfully" to the publishers. We hope to have copies off the press in January. I am more excited about it than anything I have ever written.

Regretfully yours,

Dr. Buell Gallagher  
Talladega College  
Talladega, Ala.

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Dictated, but written after  
Mr. Page's departure on tour.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Manhattan, Kansas

October 27, 1968

(\*) Congregation Standing

Prelude	Benediction	Karg-Elert
Call to Worship		
* Processional Hymn No. 7		
* Invocation - Lord's Prayer - Response		
Hymn No. 15 ( Stanzas 1,2,4 )		
Scripture Lesson		
Pastoral Prayer		
Communion Hymn No. 27 ( Stanzas 1,2 )		
Observance of Lord's Supper - All who follow the		
Matter in sincerity are privileged to partake		
of the Lord's Supper.		
* Confession of Faith		
Offertory Prayer		
Anthem - Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Bach		
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring,		
Holy Wisdom, Love most bright;		
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,		
Soar to uncreated light.		
Word of God our flesh that's fashion'd		
With the fire of life unpassion'd		
Striving still to Truth unknown		
Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.		
Through the way where hope is guiding,		
Hark what peaceful music rings		
Where the flock in Thee confiding		
Drink of joy from deathless springs.		
Their's is beauty's fairest pleasure,		
Their's is wisdom's holiest treasure,		
Thou dost ever lead Thine own		
In the love of joys unknown.		

Sermon by Dr. Kirby Page

* Invitation Hymn No. 63		
* Recessional Hymn No. 51		
* Benediction - Organ Response		
Postlude	Prelude in E Minor	Bach

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS  
REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 29, 1940

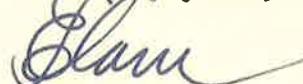
Mr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Colena and I are glad to give tentative acceptance to your invitation to be with you during the Christmas Holidays on the date indicated on the enclosed card.

We are sort of tied up, aren't we, in a system. I noticed that the postage stamp on your letter of invitation had the insignia "for defense, security, education, conservation and health". If this refers to the right kind of national defense, I suppose you can support it. If it suggests that we ought to arm and arm heavily, it is a sort of a paradox to have you stamp your letter with that kind of a stamp?!

Cordially yours,



ELAM J. ANDERSON,  
President

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

October 29, 1940

ROBERT WAYNE BURNS

SECRETARY

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V. R. LONG

SECRETARY

HOME ADDRESS:  
BALDWIN PARK, CALIF.

*Sam Dimas*

Mr. Kirby Page  
52 Vanderbilt Avenue  
New York City

Dear Kirby:

I simply do not know where I shall be on December 27th, 28th and 30th. It seems most probable that I will be in Washington. If I am in California, I should like nothing better than to spend sometime with the very worth while group which you listed as those invited to be with you.

I can hardly forecast what times would be best for me, but will try my best to make it, as I say, if I am here at that time.

Cordially,

*Jerry*

McKENDREE COLLEGE

LEBANON, ILLINOIS

CLARK R. YOST, PRESIDENT

October 29, 1940

Mr. Kirby Page  
c/o Mr. Merlin Miller  
2111 Gentry  
North Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Page:

Thank you for your letter of October 23. It is indeed kind of you to consider making special arrangements to come to McKendree College. However Dr. Yost believes that our present schedule for the semester ought not to be changed.

We appreciate your kindness in this matter and hope that sometime in the near future we may have an opportunity of becoming better acquainted.

Sincerely yours,



W. J. Scarborough

Chairman Chapel Program

Committee

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